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FAMILY FINANCE—IV

What you should know about accident and sickness insurance

By Robert W. Osler

Everything we have—our homes, our cars, the food on the table, even our life insurance—depend on income. If income stops, the very foundation of living is gone. The whole structure topples down.

Accident and sickness insurance is often called "primary insurance" because it insures the most primary thing any of us has, our *earned* income. And because it does insure so important a thing, any man who lives to a large degree on earned income needs to understand it and what it offers, because—despite all the modern advances of medicine and all the safety devices, rules, and slogans we can dream up—accident and sickness are shockingly frequent in American life.

Accident and sickness insurance cannot, of course, prevent injury or illness, but it can offset the economic loss they bring.

Accident and sickness insurance offers two kinds of coverage: (1) reinbursement of expenses occasioned by accident or sickness; (2) replacement of income cut off by disability.

Accident and sickness policies may be written separately; that is, you can buy a policy covering accident alone and not sickness. However, you ordinarily cannot buy sickness coverage alone, but some companies will issue a sickness policy to people who already own accident coverage in that company.

While there seems to be an infinite variety of policies, all are made up of the same basic ingredients. The differences come about by the different combinations in which these basic ingredients are put together in a policy. Understand the basic ingredients, and it is simple to analyze any policy to see whether it contains the coverages you need and want.

Here are the basic ingredients out of which all accident and sickness policies are made:

I Accident coverages

A. Income benefits

1. Weekly or monthly payments during any period of *total disability*, as defined and limited in duration by policy provisions.
2. Weekly or monthly payments during a period of *partial disability*, again as defined and limited.

B. Lump-sum benefits

1. Accidental-death benefit.
2. Dismemberment benefit (loss of limbs or eyesight).
3. Optional or "elective" indemnities for specified injuries such as sprains. Sometimes these lump-sum amounts may be taken in lieu of income payments, and sometimes they are the minimums that will be paid for such injuries.
4. Payment for nondisabling injuries.

C. Expense benefits

1. Hospital expenses of various kinds.
2. Surgical expenses, the maximum payable for any type of operation usually being set forth in a "schedule."
3. Medical attendance and nursing fees.
4. Out-patient expense, for nonconfining hospital treatment.

Not every accident policy (or the accident portion of an accident and sickness policy) will contain *all* these provisions, some *will* contain all, and some will contain provisions not mentioned. But, in general, these are the ingredients from which most accident policies are made, no matter how the various benefits are combined in any given policy.

II Sickness coverages

A. Income benefits

1. Weekly or monthly payments during a period of *total disability* (sometimes defined as "confining sickness"), as defined and limited in the policy.
2. Weekly or monthly payments during a period of *partial disability* (often called nonconfining sickness"). This coverage is not too common because, as you can easily [*Turn to page 9*

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Accident and sickness insurance

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B. Lump-sum benefits

1. None. Sickness does not produce fractures, sprains, etc., and "natural death" can be covered only by life insurance.

C. Expense benefits (all similar to the corresponding benefits for accident)

1. Hospitalization
2. Surgical
3. Medical and nursing fees
4. Medical attendance

Again, any given policy may not contain all of these sickness benefits, and sometimes you'll find one not mentioned here; but for the most part, these are the common basic ingredients.

Of course, the amounts paid under any of these benefit provisions vary. Even the same company will have more than one policy with the same benefit provisions but differing in amounts payable.

In buying accident and sickness insurance, decide what basic coverages you need, and buy the policy that contains them. Don't "buy a policy." Buy the coverages you need. Watch out, too, for "frill" benefits—triple indemnity for falling down an elevator shaft, and that sort of thing.

There is nothing wrong with these "frills." They are legitimate insurance. But don't buy a policy because of the frill benefits. If they come along with the basic benefits you need, that's O.K.

In addition to what might be termed "full coverage," accident and sickness policies are what is known as "limited" policies. These are not limited in benefits. In fact, they usually offer very large benefits. They are limited in the things they cover. For instance, they may be limited to auto accident alone, or to travel accident alone, or to polio alone, or to polio and certain "dread" diseases such as rabies, meningitis, cancer, and so on.

Limited policies offer very high maximum benefits at a reasonable figure. Many of them offer very good coverage—if you aren't lulled into thinking, "I *have* accident and sickness insurance," just because you have a limited policy. You don't have. You just have special protection in a small area.

Technically, hospitalization insurance is a "limited" policy—that is, benefits are limited to the condition of being confined to the hospital. (Hospitalization policies are not, however, usually classified with limited policies.)

As explained, "full coverage" accident and sickness policies will usually contain provision for hospital expense—or you can, of course, buy your hospitalization insurance separately.

Cancellation

Accident and sickness policies may be cancelable or they may be noncancelable. If cancelable, the company may reserve the right to cancel the policy at any time or to refuse to renew it when premium-paying time comes around. Such cancellation does *not* affect claims arising prior thereto. A company might pay you income for 40 years after it actually canceled the policy, if your disability started before that cancellation.

Cancelable policies are plainly labeled, usually at the top of the face of the policy. The labeling reads something like, "This policy is cancelable and renewable only at the option of the company."

Every accident and sickness policy is required by law to carry a set of "standard" or "uniform" provisions. The standard provisions have been required in every state since about 1914. Recently, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners drew up a revision of these provisions to cover new policies and practices which have developed in the business since 1914. These are the uniform provisions. The model bill is in effect in some states now and soon will be in all states. Your policy may contain either the standard or the uniform provisions. They are all under one heading in every policy.

Run down the list in the policy you are looking at. If it contains the standard provisions, No. 16 is the cancellation clause. In the uniform provisions, it has to be the last on the list and is headed "Cancellation." If the policy does not contain standard provision 16 or the uniform provision headed "Cancellation," it cannot be canceled. *However it isn't noncancelable unless it is also renewable at the option OF THE INSURED only.* Such policies are boldly labeled.

Here are a number of misconceptions we've encountered:

(1) *Companies chisel on claims.* As a generality, that statement won't stand up. An occasional company will, but so will some policyholders, physicians, and hospitals. Arguments over claims usually arise because the policyholder wants benefits for something the policy doesn't insure him for. The surest way for a company to put itself out of business is to chisel on claims.

Any policyholder who thinks he has been cheated can lay the facts before his state insurance commissioner. The commissioner is either an elected official, or is appointed by an elected official. His duty is to the public, and the only way he is going to get back in office for another term is to satisfy the voters. Put your case before him. If he says the company is right, you can be sure it is, because the company doesn't keep him in office; you do. And he'll lean over backward to

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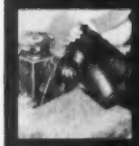

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FLINT HOLDSTER SET . . . six super-sharp knives . . . each designed for specific cutting jobs. Packed in a handsome, safe, convenient hardwood Holdster that hangs on wall or slides in drawer. Sturdy rosewood handles. Finest vanadium stainless steel hollow-ground blades.

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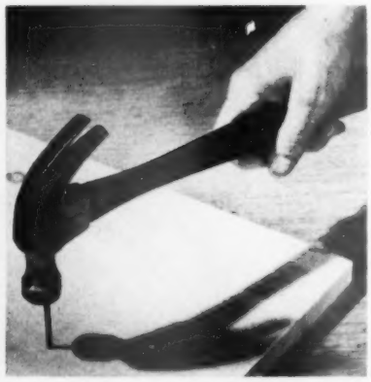
For a Sweetheart of a Figure

Handyman's Book and the **Garden Book**, by *Better Homes & Gardens*, give you all the how-to-do-it information you need in and around the house.

The Handyman's Book will solve most of your problems in woodworking, repairing home equipment, tools, and tells their uses. Garden Book does equally well for garden fans. Each, $3.95. Meredith Publishing Company.

Christmas gifts for the handyman

Why not let Christmas be an opportunity to add some of those tools you really need—but always put off buying?



Nail hammer, the most used of all tools, bashes fewer thumbs, bends fewer nails if it's right in weight, balance, and design.

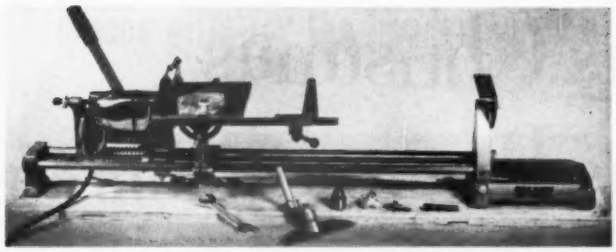
Any handle with a head on it isn't good enough, so why not ask Santa for a good hammer? Try the 16-ounce weight; $3.65. Fayette R. Plumb, Inc.

Photographs: Stanley

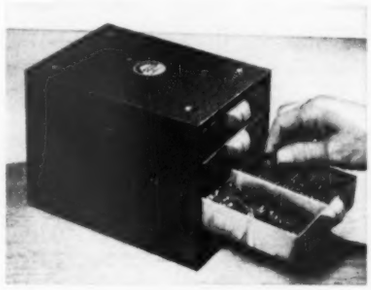
Fifty-foot tape will give you exact measurements on the numerous occasions when pocket rules aren't long enough.

Its barbs hook "zero" point while you pull it out to any length. Crank it back into case when you are through measuring.

Rust-resistant tape is a godsend for laying out gardens and indoor work; $4. Lufkin Rule Company.



Multipurpose power tool uses the power of a standard-duty electric drill to give you table saw, lathe, horizontal and vertical drill press, disc, and drum sander—plus the removable drill itself. Additional accessories available; about $80. Cummins-Chicago Corp.



Small-parts cabinet has four plastic drawers in a metal case, with dividers to hold screws, nails, and other small objects.

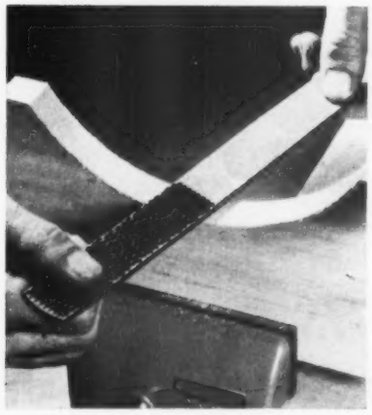
It's designed so several units can be stacked up for more and more storage. $2.50. Waterloo Valve Spring Compressor Co.

Pump oilcan will put oil where you want it—without spilling. It operates as fast or slow as you want it, depending on the amount of finger pressure on trigger pump.

Can will hold 4 ounces of oil—just about right for use in home shop. $1.50. Gustave Lidseen Co.

Jack plane is a no-fooling tool every handyman needs for serious planing and smoothing jobs.

Long frame of plane is what it takes to make an edge or a rough surface truly straight or level; about $8.50. Sargent and Company.



Horseshoe rasp is meant for woodworking, despite its name. One side is flat, the other half round, and each side has coarse and fine teeth. You have four different cutting surfaces to work with.

Edges have no teeth, so you can work into corners without making unwanted sidewise cuts. About $1. Nicholson File Co.

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First Aid for COLDS

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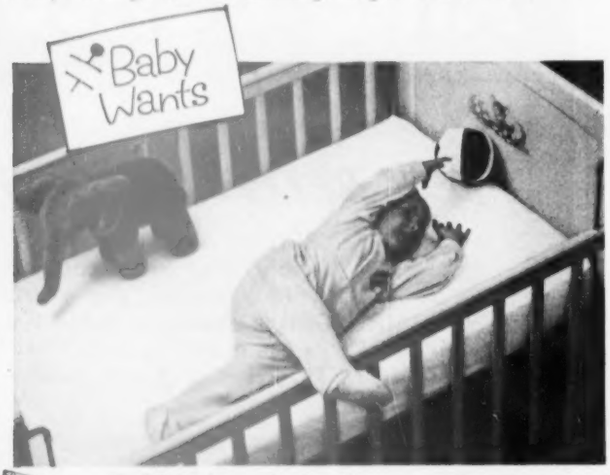
It's Pacific's easier bedmaking that Mother wants! No tucking . . . no stooping, with Pacific Contour sheets. Four box-corners hold Bottom sheet smooth . . . two corners anchor the Top sheet to mattress foot. Every morning, Mother's bedmaking task goes 3-times faster!

"Foot-room" . . . he gets it with the Pacific Contour Top*! It's the *only* sheet with the Kick-room Fold—for ample room to turn and stretch! Come morning, Pacific Contours are *still* neatly tucked-in—just a tug at the Top's hem tidies the bed. *Pat. Pend.



In Mother's words, "no ties . . . no dangerous pins." Baby plays *safely* in this Pacific Contour Crib sheet that *stays on the mattress.* All-around tuck-under, 4 box-corners—baby can't strip off the sheet, scramble it over his head!

This year's brides clamor for Pacific Contours—over 400 brides and to-be's told us they want these slip-on wonders, not old-fashioned flat sheets. So give Contours® to *your* "up-to-the-minute" bride. Stack her linen closet high with the sheet you *know* she wants.

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Everybody's changing to **PACIFIC Contour SHEETS** *—the way to faster bedmaking, neater, more comfortable beds*

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Christmas gifts for the handyman

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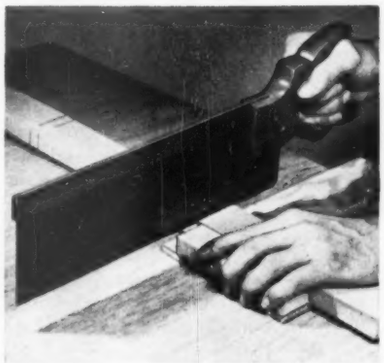
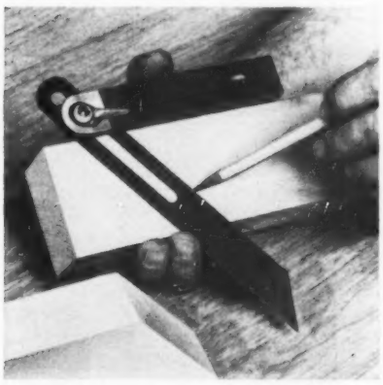


Backsaw is a handy co-worker around the bench, easier to use than your handsaw when true and square cuts are important.

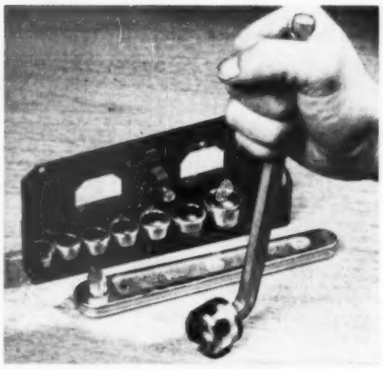
Use it with bench hook, as shown, or with shallow miter box. Cuts fast, for teeth of backsaw are filed to cut on backward and forward stroke; $5.25. Henry Disston & Sons.



Sliding T-bevel is your companion to a try square when the cut isn't square.

Take any angle from a protractor or scribed from a bevel you want to match, then lock blade and handle it like a try square.

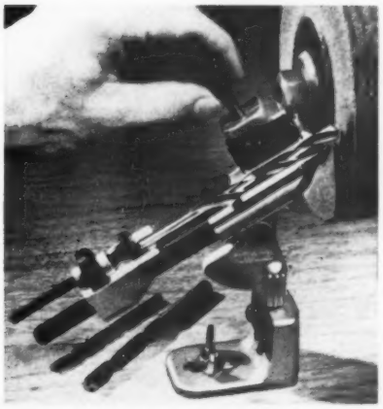
You get accuracy at an angle; $1.40. Stanley Tools.



Socket-wrench set has an L-handle and ratchet, with sockets that will fit most everyday nut and bolt sizes.

Set includes heavy-duty screwdriver head to fit ratchet handle, and metal holder keeps entire set assembled for storage.

Sizes range from 7/16 to 15/16 in 1/16-inch graduations; about $5.50. New Britain Tool Company.



Drill grinder mounts beside your grinding wheel and holds twist drills in perfect alignment for accurate sharpening.

Screw feed permits slow passes across wheel, for cool grinding. Drill grinder is adjustable to get correct angle for all standard bits; about $4.80. General Tool Corporation.

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Here is truly superior quality . . . all the deluxe features of costly custom kitchens . . . standardized to meet the average budget. Harrison Tailored-in-Steel Cabinets are available in five favorite decorator colors and white, incorporating such exclusive refinements as rigid inch-thick doors and drawer fronts, sound-insulated . . . nylon roller drawers . . . concealed spring hinges . . . recessed sink fronts.

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(ON FORWARD STROKE) For deep-down dirt and surface litter!

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For threads, cat and dog hairs!

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You actually get more suction power than an upright—more cleaning action than any other rug tool! The Lewyt makes even old rugs look new—without vacuuming over and over, without wear and tear. Try it, see how much faster, more thorough rug care can be!

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LEWYT ROLLS READY-TO-USE FROM CLOSET!

Rubber swivel-wheel "Dolly" carries cleaning tools along! Optional at small extra cost. *New! "Wall Rack" saves closet space!* Keeps hose handy, nozzle attached to tubes! Optional at small extra cost.

Pivots on "Circular Track" Base! Reaches wall-to-wall from center of room! No "swivel-top" to jam—won't tip over!

Peripheral-Silencer—no roar! Quietest of all! Gentle hum won't fray nerves, upset baby's nap! *A Lewyt exclusive!*

No dust bag to empty! Simply toss out "Speed Sak" a few times a year! Largest operating dirt-capacity, by test!

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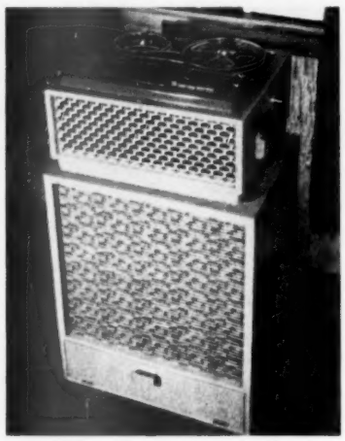
It's NEWS to me!®

New musicmakers

Christmas is a time for music, and what more welcome family gift than new equipment for playing recorded music? High-fidelity table-model phonographs, illustrated at right, have more than one speaker. They give you "hi-fi" sound, reproducing the highs and lows as well as middle-range music.

Tape recorder shown below enables you to record and play your own musical library. Two unusual record changers are pictured, below right. All of the equipment illustrated is designed to give you better listening and make the most of the superior recorded music available today.

Versatile tapes for family music



Tape recorder **with matching console 12" speaker, designed to be decorative in any home, is attractively finished in limed-oak plastic with interlaced metal grillwork and metallic fabric.**

Recorder available in *Celebrity* model, at $229.95; and in the "hi-fi" model for listeners who want ultraclear tone on highest and lowest notes, at $239.95; matching console speaker, $59.95; in stores. Ampro Corp., 2835 N. Western St., Chicago 18, Ill.

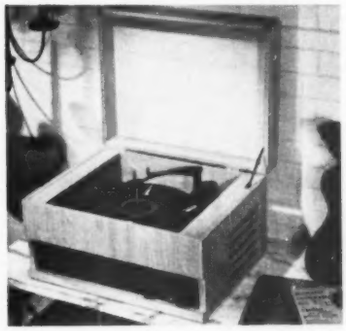
Prerecorded tapes **include popular, semiclassical, and symphonic music; French-language study; religious and educational lectures.**

In photograph is shown a new 14-tape series of musical instruction for children. (Also available in 78 r.p.m. records.) *Music for Young Listeners*, tapes and texts, $99.50. A-V Tape Libraries, Inc., 730 Fifth Ave., New York 19, N.Y.

Sound-recording **tape can be recorded, erased, and used over again. You can edit and "patch" your production. Since tape is played magnetically, it does not have needle scratch or crackling noises.**

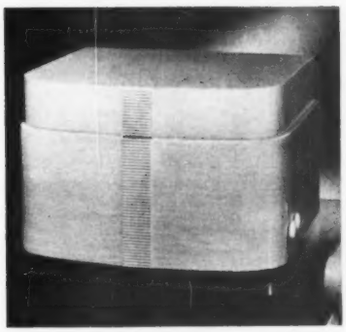
Library Pack **tape albums are easy to store and identify. *Scotch Sound Recording Tape*, pack of three 5" reels, $9.95; three 7" reels, $14.95; in stores. Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co., 900 Fauquier Ave., St. Paul, Minn.**

"Hi-fi" sound from table phonographs



Triple speakers are built into this phonograph cabinet which houses a Webcor automatic, 3-speed record changer. Speakers get full sound to all parts of the room.

Webcor Musicale, available in blonde korina (illustrated), $159.50; mahogany, $149.50. Webster-Chicago Corp., 5610 W. Bloomingdale Ave., Chicago 39, Ill.



Acoustic chamber, which is part of this rounded-front phonograph cabinet, matches the electrical requirements of its side-mounted double speakers and amplifier.

Wilcox Gay 400 in mahogany cabinet, $129.50; slightly higher for limed oak. Wilcox Gay Corp., 70 Washington St., Brooklyn 1, N.Y.

Wider range of sound is achieved by this two-speaker phonograph. Gives listener two octaves beyond the usual single-speaker tonal range. Cabinet is 16⅞"x12½"x10".

Columbia 360, mahogany or walnut cabinet, $139.50; blonde mahogany or limed-oak finish, $144.50. Columbia Records, Inc., 799 7th Ave., New York 19, N.Y.

New changers get top performance from records

Record changer plays both sides of record without turning it over. Can be set to follow the correct sequence of a long-playing record which is complete on two sides.

Will handle a stack of records, playing both sides, in order, or one side of each. *Markel Playmaster*, $99.50, in stores. Markel Electric Products, Inc., 129-149 Seneca St., Buffalo 3, N.Y.

Record changer that has weighted, rim-driven turntable gives smooth, silent operation. There is little "wow," "rumble," or "flutter." Plays 7", 10", and 12" records and operates at all speeds.

Collaro *Model* 3/532 *Automatic Record Changer*, $65 (without cartridges), in stores. Rockbar Corp., 211 E. 37th St., New York 16, N.Y.

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Give your child a brighter future with a Wurlitzer this Christmas

If we could supply sound effects with this picture, you would know how rich Wurlitzer tone is. To make this tone possible, Wurlitzer uses the Pentagonal Sound Board which provides greater sound board area. Ask your dealer to show you this Wurlitzer exclusive. Model 2155 illustrated $591.00 (bench included).

You can think of many fine reasons for wanting a Wurlitzer Piano for Christmas. To add new beauty and charm to your home. To draw your family closer together. To make entertaining more fun for everyone.

But the finest reason of all is to give your child a head start in life. At a Wurlitzer Piano a youngster can acquire poise. Self-confidence. Other traits, too, that can assure your child smoother sailing through life.

Remember, a few Christmases from now your youngster won't be a child any more. Don't wait another Christmas to see your Wurlitzer Dealer (write us for the name of the one nearest you). More parents, you know, buy Wurlitzer Pianos than those of any other name. Give your child a brighter future with a Wurlitzer *this* Christmas.

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Get the most from your lighting dollar

How about surprising your home with a gift of light? But before you buy, look under the shade. You'll find there's more to good lighting than a pretty lamp

Powerful table lamp. Lighting recipes say a table lamp should be 20 inches from the center of your reading material.

When this is impossible, you can use a table lamp that gives as much light as a floor lamp. Lamp reflector bowl holds a 100-200-300-watt bulb of the mogul base for large-socket types.

Photographs: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing

Indirect lamps. Movable or portable lamps let you move your dining table anywhere you wish and still get good general room illumination.

These torchieres give indirect light, so they must be used with light-colored ceiling for maximum reflection. With this metal shade, we used a bulb with a built-in reflector so all the light is thrown upward for maximum effect.

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Be good to yourself at Cooky Time!

These gala Swift'ning cookies are

easy to make

A MARTHA LOGAN RECIPE

7 KINDS—ONE BASIC DOUGH

Yield: about 16 dozen, depending on size of cookies

2 cups Swift'ning	**4 tsp. vanilla**
3 cups sugar	**5 cups sifted flour**
4 eggs	**1 tsp. baking powder**
¼ cup milk	**1 tsp. salt**

Mix Swift'ning, sugar and eggs thoroughly. *Quick and easy to do with Swift'ning! "Quick-Mix" Swift'ning creams extra fast.* Stir in milk and vanilla. Sift dry ingredients together and stir into mixture until well blended. Divide dough: ½ to use "as is"; ¼—spiced; ¼—chocolate. Chill the plain dough. Roll only part of it at a time. (Dough for rolled cookies should always be well chilled.) Use these ways:

Scalloped Cookies. Roll part of dough and cut. Trim with small colored candies. Bake about 6 minutes.

Crescents. Add coconut to part of dough. Shape into 1¼" crescents. Chill. Bake 8 minutes. Ice and trim with tinted coconut.

Green-Striped. Roll out balance of dough; sprinkle with macaroon crumbs. Roll again and cut. Bake 7 minutes. Frost in stripes as shown.

SPICED DOUGH. Blend ¼ tsp. ground cloves and 1 tsp. ground cinnamon into basic dough. *"Quick-Mix" Swift'ning is such a rich shortening! Gives you rich, delicious cookies.*

Frosted Spice Cookies. Chill half of the spiced dough. Roll and cut. Bake 7 minutes. Cool; frost. Tie with ribbon as shown.

Cherry Drops. To rest of spiced dough, add 20 glazed cherries, quartered, and ½ cup coarsely cut nut meats. Drop on cooky sheet, top with half of cherry. Bake 10 to 12 minutes.

CHOCOLATE DOUGH. Just add ¼ cup cocoa to basic dough. *Happy thought—your easy, festive Swift'ning cookies are extra digestible, too! Actually, Swift'ning is the most digestible shortening you can buy.*

Pecan Crisps. To ½ of chocolate dough, add ½ cup chopped pecans and 2 cups corn flakes. Drop onto cooky sheet. Top each with pecan half. Bake about 10 minutes.

Date Wrap-Ups. Press dough around a pitted date. Bake 10 minutes. Cool; sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.

Bake all cookies on cooky sheet in a hot oven (425° F.)

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and it's most digestible too!

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The shortening you hear about from Don McNeill on the radio and Garry Moore, TV.

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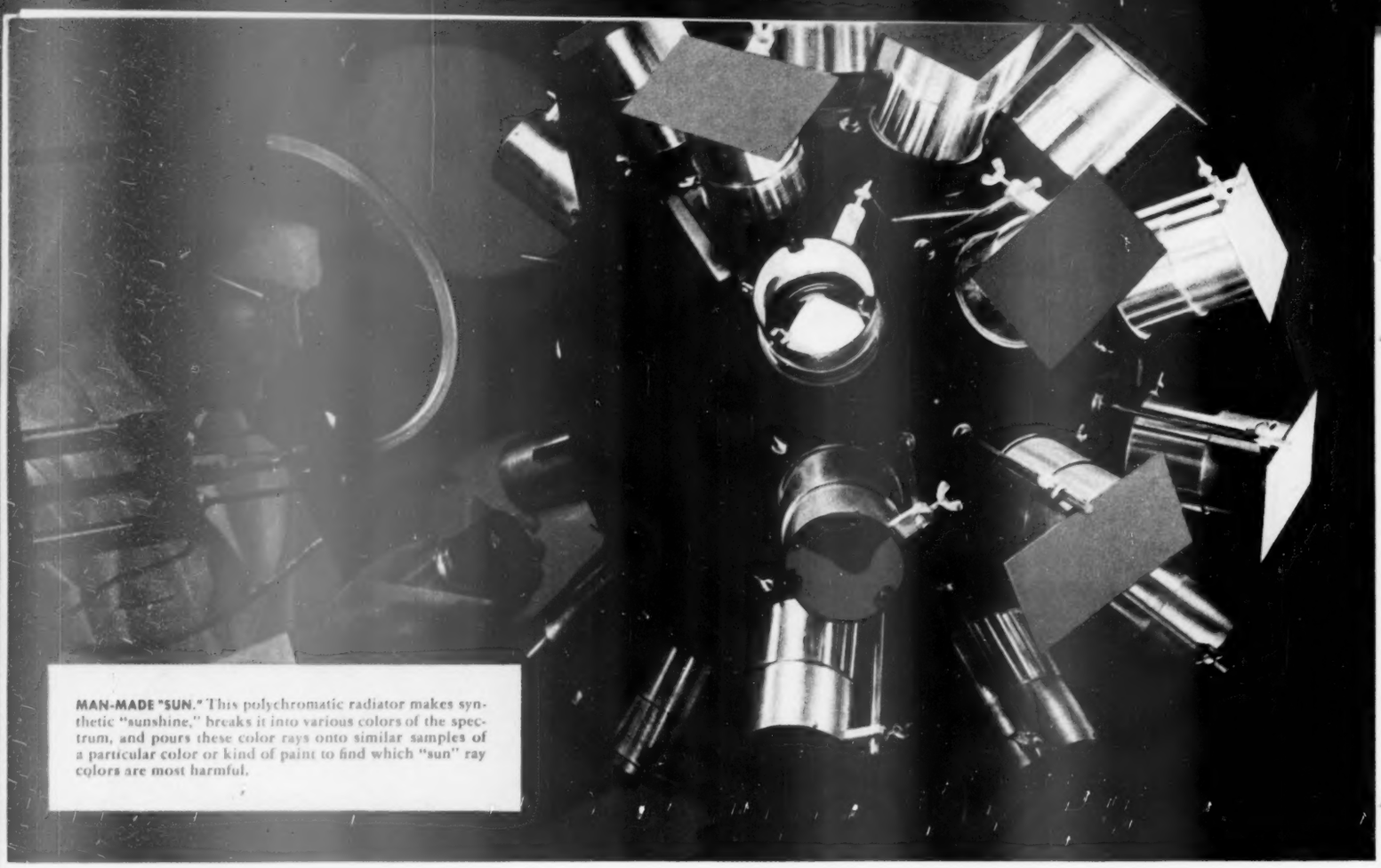

MAN-MADE "SUN." This polychromatic radiator makes synthetic "sunshine," breaks it into various colors of the spectrum, and pours these color rays onto similar samples of a particular color or kind of paint to find which "sun" ray colors are most harmful.

We split a sunbeam 30 ways

to make the beauty of GM cars last longer

ONE thing that everyone seems to notice about this year's Chevrolets, Pontiacs, Oldsmobiles, Buicks and Cadillacs is the gay beauty of their colors.

But to come up with new and exciting colors isn't so simple as you may think. The body finish of an automobile needs to keep its beauty for years. It should withstand all ranges of temperature, sunlight, humidity, dew and the salt splash from winter streets.

So before a color can be adopted, it has to pass a lot of tests, just like other materials that go into any General Motors car.

And—in the search for ways to get better and quicker tests of quality—our GM engineers developed such machines as the one shown here, which duplicates the effect of sunlight, and even lets them test the effect of the various spectrum colors one by one. This, of course, is in addition to our "paint proving ground" in Florida, where finishes are exposed to months of tropical sunlight.

How well do all these tests pan out? To answer this question, our engineers conduct an annual used-car survey, examining cars 1, 2 and 3 years old—both our own and competitive makes—for chalking, cracking, blistering and rust spots.

The answer is—year after year—GM car finishes have stood up better than those of other makes.

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Get the most from your lighting dollar

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For close work. Lamp with a swing arm puts light into a good position. You can easily swing it to give you the best light. On this one, note the new shallow-shade design. We've removed the shade so you can see the bowl which throws light up for general illumination as well as down to the table surface. It holds a 50-100-150-watt, 3-way bulb

Inexpensive light. Even moderately and low-priced lamps now have engineered lighting. When you buy a moderately priced lamp, look under the shade to be sure there's space and a connection for a 50-100-150-watt bulb. This "harp" or shade support takes a white, indirect 3-way bulb. Lower edge of shade just covers brass socket

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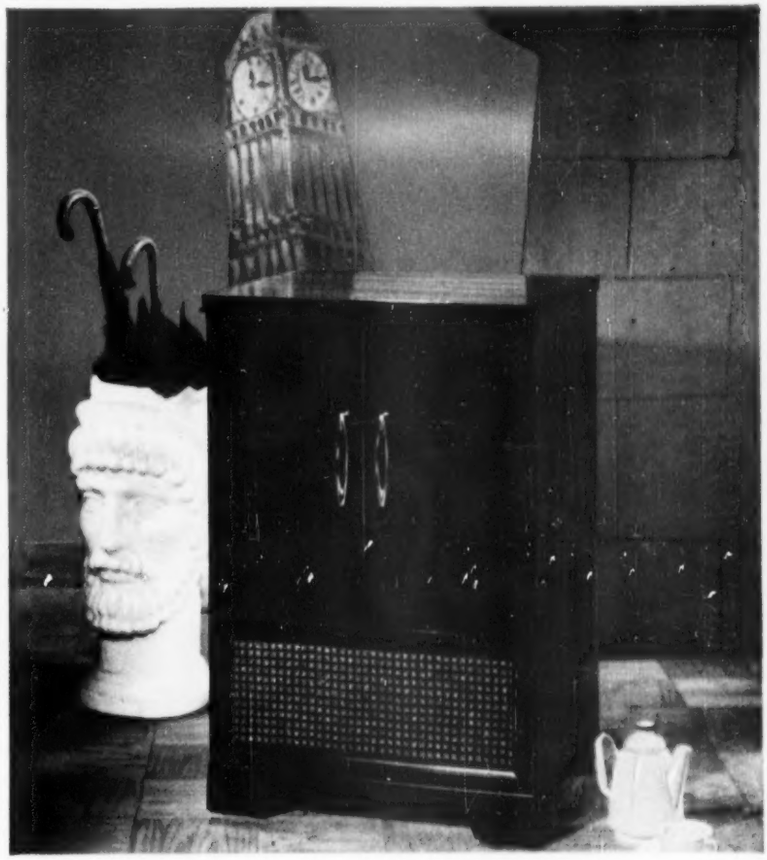
Arvin

years-ahead all-channel **TV**



Buy Arvin and be sure

of style plus all these advantages!

All-Channel Tuning with one-knob control . . . pioneered by Arvin and now vastly improved for finest reception of all 82 VHF and UHF channels!

Arvin's Automatic Electronic Stabilizer prevents picture flop-over, checks all types of interference—assures a rock-steady picture that "stays put."

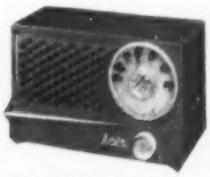
Arvin's Triple Picture Power switch automatically delivers the clearest possible picture no matter whether you live in a strong local signal area, the suburbs, or 'way out on the "fringe."

Arvin's 18,000 volts of picture power, with aluminized picture tube, give you a sharper, more brilliant picture—never a gray, fuzzy image.

Arvin's new High-Fidelity Interlace provides finest picture detail, noise-free sound—such "front row" realism you feel you could actually shake hands with the picture.

Choice of 21 models with 17, 21, 24 or 27-inch screens, mahogany, limed oak, maple, cherry. $179.95 to $719.95 including federal tax and warranty. Arvin Industries, Inc., Columbus, Indiana.

Arvin Rainbow Radio, shatterproof cabinet stunningly styled in six new decorator colors—to harmonize with any room. Four million in use. **$14.95**



Arvin Collegian, exciting new small radio in six gay decorator colors; built-in Arvin Magnetenna, Alnico speaker, Velvet Voice tone. **$16.95**

Arvin Sleepytimer Jr. clock-radio in five decorator colors; gives you pleasant, punctual awakening to music plus a fine electric clock. **$29.95**

PROVIDES PLENTY OF FOOT ROOM!

Gift inspiration . . . the sunshiny comfort of a

G-E Custom-Contoured Automatic Blanket!

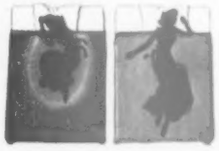
IT'S a happy Christmas thought—to know *your* gift can bring the comforting warmth of spring sunshine!

It's so relaxing—snoozy, sunshiny warmth-without-weight! *One* G-E Blanket is all that's needed for perfect comfort; it maintains *constant, even warmth,* automatically, throughout normal nighttime changes in room temperature.

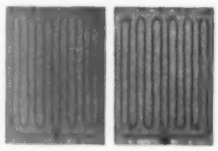
Custom-Contoured fit sees to it that G-E Blankets never slip off or ride up, and there's PLENTY OF FOOT ROOM.

This Christmas, give the blissful comfort that only a G-E Automatic Blanket brings. (And maybe you'll be lucky enough to get one yourself!)

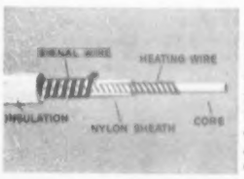
Why G-E *Sleep-Guard* Blankets are worth more!



(*Left*) Ordinary blanket. Small area of warmth is created by your body heat. You huddle in cramped position. (*Right*) G-E Blanket. All-over warmth is maintained for you automatically. You stretch out, relaxed.

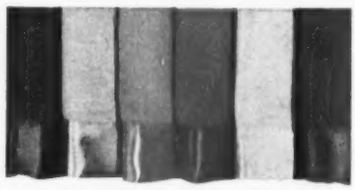


(*Left*) Ordinary electric blanket. Lumpy, wide-spaced thermostats; uneven, spotty protection. (*Right*) G-E Blanket. Uniformly controlled warmth; no lumpy thermostats, no unprotected areas.



(*Left*) X-ray of G.E.'s *Sleep-Guard,* automatic safety device designed to give complete protection: if temperature of heating wire exceeds a certain limit, nylon sheath permits message to be flashed by signal wire to Bedside Control, automatically cutting off the current. Thus *entire wired area* is sensitive to excessive warmth. Only G-E Blankets have *Sleep-Guard.*

Winner of 1952 National Home Safety Award Grand Prize as product which contributed most to safety in the home.



Dresden Blue · Sprout Green · Rose Pink · Garden Green · Citron Gold · Flamingo Red

Six new high-fashion colors harmonize with smart bedroom color schemes; bindings of Skinner Satin. Single- or double-bed sizes. Manufacturer's recommended retail or Fair Trade prices, $47.95, $49.95 and $59.95. General Electric Co., Small Appliance Div., Bridgeport 2, Conn.

More than 1,500,000 users have found sleeping comfort with G-E Automatic Blankets

GENERAL ELECTRIC

Get the most from your lighting dollar

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Supplementary lighting. These lamps are used to give your rooms balanced light and decorative spots. They are not intended to be used as reading lamps. Most of them have translucent shades. Be sure to use a bulb that gives only a soft glow through the shade. Too powerful a bulb gives a bright spot which ruins the decorative effect

Hopkins

"Pin-up" light. These are spacesavers for every room. You can find them in any price range. This one has a reflector bowl. If you're using a lamp without a reflector bowl, or with a bulb hanging downward, use a silver-bowl bulb which acts as a reflector. "Pin-ups" should be placed so lower edge of shade is 30 inches above mattress

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As fundamental as hidden pipes

◀ Telephone wires can be made to disappear into the walls of your new home

There are some things you'll want to keep under cover in the home you plan to build. Plumbing and heating pipes, for instance.

And telephone wires, too.

There's an easy way to hide telephone wires. Just tell your architect or builder where you want outlets for telephones—permanent or plug-in. Inexpensive pipe built into the wall at these points will provide out-of-sight passageways for the wires.

For more information about this important home feature, please call the nearest Business Office of your Bell Telephone Company.

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

How two families can live under one roof...happily!

Here's a handsome attic apartment that's specially designed to make it easy to live with parents or married children in your home. For one thing, it's completely self-contained, with modern kitchenette and bathroom tucked away behind the partitions. For another, it offers extra features which say more eloquently than words that the people who live here are honored guests, rather than unwelcome intruders. The fireplace adds to the homelike atmosphere, as does the skylight cut into the ceiling. But more than either of these, the luxurious floor of Armstrong's Cork Tile says, "You are welcome here."

This floor is not only one of the most handsome, but also one of the most comfortable and quiet, floors you can buy. With its rich golden tones of natural cork, clear and uniform in every tile, Armstrong's Cork Tile is a stunning background for any decorative scheme. Also, the natural resilience of cork cushions footsteps and muffles their sound. It's the ideal floor to give your attic apartment—or any other room—that extra touch of distinction which makes it something special. Yet for all its richness and charm, Armstrong's Cork Tile is moderate in cost. Ask your Armstrong dealer for estimates. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

SEND POST CARD FOR FREE BOOKLET. It gives you complete information about Armstrong's Cork Tile for both floors and walls. A sketch plan of this attic apartment with a color scheme description and list of furnishings will also be sent free on request. Just send your name and address to Armstrong Cork Company, Floor Division, 5312-A High Street, Lancaster, Pa.

ARMSTRONG'S CORK TILE

Made by the makers of Armstrong's Linoleum, Armstrong's Quaker® Rugs, Armstrong's Asphalt Tile

Get the most from your lighting dollar

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Novelty lamps. A clever lamp is fine if it also gives correct light. This one does, and also has a telephone stand at the base in order to save space on the desk. It meets lighting-recipe requirements, with the shade's bottom edge 15 inches above writing surface of desk

Spacesaving shade. Lamps are often used on narrow tables or bookshelves. This spacesaving, half-round shade will help you get the right light without having the lamp perched dangerously close to the outer edge of the table or surface on which you're using the lamp

ANNOUNCING

NEW BEAUTY for **'54**

NEW PERFORMANCE for **'54**

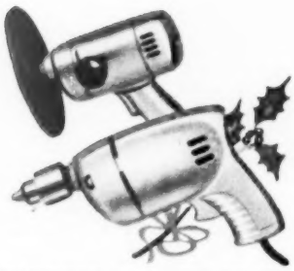
CHRYSLER for '54 is here! . . . so sleek, so smart, so beautifully appointed that in it you'll feel a sense of leadership that is dramatically new! And what wonderful new surprises you'll discover beneath all this exciting new loveliness . . . a new **235 HP FIREPOWER V-8 ENGINE**—greatest performer of all, with power and response that has no equal for driving safety—and fun! Sensational new **POWERFLITE TRANSMISSION**—most advanced of all fully automatic drives—no-shift, no-clutch driving at its easiest and simplest. Plus Full-time Power Steering and Power Brakes for the first **COMPLETE DRIVER CONTROL** in any car. On display this week at your Chrysler dealer's. **COME SEE IT!**

"The Power of Leadership is yours in a Chrysler"

Flashlights of Alcoa Aluminum stay bright inside and out — their fluted bodies are easy to grip. Ideal gift for folks of any age.

New irons — steam or regular — owe their light weight and quick, efficient heating to sole-plates of Alcoa Aluminum. Save tons of lifting!

Dad's eyes will sparkle if he finds light, strong tools of Alcoa Aluminum under the tree. Level and pipe wrench shown are especially handy.



Power tools handle easily, run cool when their housings are Alcoa Aluminum. Every handy man deserves to own them, for faster, finer work.

Practical and beautiful are wastebaskets of Alcoa Aluminum. Smart stores are showing them in traditional or modern designs; they wear well.

Portable electric heaters of Alcoa Aluminum bring a flow of friendly warmth to that cold spot in your house. Keep their looks and efficiency.

Gorgeous gift wrappings are the colored Alcoa Aluminum foils available this year. They give your special gifts that extra-precious look.

Why not a lightweight snow shovel of Alcoa Aluminum for both dad and son? Easy to handle, and they'll stay bright and new for many years.

Something new

AND PRETTY SPECIAL

an Aluminum Christmas!

Suppose somebody had just invented aluminum. Suppose, for the first time, you could hurry out and select gifts of this light, bright, modern metal. *Gifts of solid aluminum,* with no plating to wear off, no finish to chip — gifts that would show your thoughtfulness for years to come! . . . The news this Christmas is not the invention of this wonder metal, but the hundreds of extra-value gifts it has made possible . . . every one as new as now, but with a sixty-five-year pedigree . . . the years Alcoa has spent making this light metal strong, and plentiful, and low in cost. This year, make it an *aluminum* gift!

What a gift for an outdoor boy — or man . . . a light, safe canoe of Alcoa Aluminum! Lifts easily to the car top; it's swift and safe afloat.

Thanks to Alcoa Aluminum and the ingenuity of their makers, outboard motors are down in weight — and price — so every fisherman deserves one.

And speaking of fishermen, the latest in reels and minnow pails are the ones made of Alcoa Aluminum. They never rust, of course.

Ice cubes last "forever" in these double-walled ice buckets of Alcoa Aluminum. Their satiny finish adds beauty to your party fixin's.

When dolly needs a bath, this bathinette of Alcoa Aluminum is "just like real"! Wipes clean and bright, folds to put away.

They'll sit up to watch TV in a Kiddie Chair of Alcoa Aluminum! And it's light in weight and weather resistant for summer use outdoors.

Luggage of Alcoa Aluminum is light, durable, and has the additional advantage of dust-tightness possible only in metal-to-metal joints.

It's not too soon to put a sparkle in a golfer's eye with this golf cart of Alcoa Aluminum. Light, weather resistant, folds to go in the car.

Just like a man to give new utensils or a pressure cooker of Alcoa Aluminum! And just like a woman to love them — bright, fast-cooking, easy to keep shining.

"Snack-pak" is a new idea for a family gift! Smart case of Alcoa Aluminum carries all picnic needs, opens to make a sturdy table.

Ideal gift for a motorist is this safety light of Alcoa Aluminum. Red flasher provides stop-warning, reflector throws powerful beam.

Portable roaster relies on Alcoa Aluminum to make it portable! Provides an extra, plug-in oven that's especially grand at holiday time.

Giftware of Alcoa Aluminum adds rich beauty to holiday tables. Its satiny finish never tarnishes, never needs polishing.

Real gas engines for model planes — and even planes themselves are now made of the same Alcoa Aluminum as Air Force jets. What a gift!

Mom's stocking deserves a Wear-Ever brand household roll of Alcoa Foil. Protects leftovers, makes cooking and household tasks easier.

Who wants a stepladder for Christmas? Almost anyone, when it's made of Alcoa Aluminum! Light but sturdy, stays new-looking for years.

Leading stores are featuring these gifts now. For names of their manufacturers, call your nearest Alcoa Sales Office listed under "Aluminum" in your classified phone book.

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New RCA Victor Television with Rotomatic Tuning brings you more to see—less to do

More detail—a stronger, sharper picture wherever you live. ROTOMATIC *gets* it, MAGIC MONITOR *holds* it!

More stations—with TV's big new nationwide expansion.

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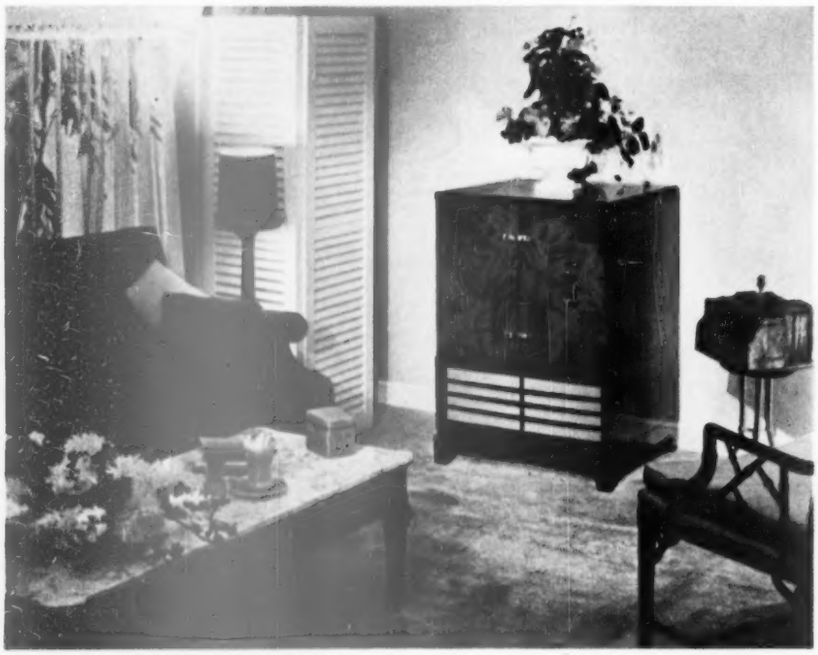
$189.95 for 17-inch TV **$239.95** for 21-inch TV

Above, the new 17-inch BRENT, maroon finish (grained blond extra). Model 17S350, **$199.95.** In ebony finish, the CRAIG. Model 17S349, only **$189.95.** Built-in UHF tuning, optional at extra cost.

...and you set the style!

You'll enjoy selecting the *exact* set for your room . . . from the finest and fullest new collection of cabinets in TV history. Then enjoy the exact set *exactly adjusted* for your room! For expert installation, ask your dealer about an RCA Victor Factory-Service Contract...available *only* to RCA Victor TV owners in all major TV markets.



The 21-inch *Talbot* merits a room planned around it. Yet so versatile it's "in place" wherever you put it. Grained mahogany finish, 21S362, $299.95 (grained oak extra).

Suggested Eastern list prices shown, subject to change without notice. Federal Excise Tax included. TV prices include full-year picture tube warranty.

UHF ROTOMATIC Tuning optional, at slight added cost. Built right in—no extra knob to turn! Gets VHF *and* UHF stations. Or, ROTOMATIC Tuning for VHF only with *manual* tuning for UHF stations, optional on lower priced sets.

Only $16.75! "Victrola" 45 automatic attachment plugs into phono-jack built into every RCA Victor TV set. ("Victrola" 3-speed attachment, $49.95.)

So much to see! Period and Contemporary styles, details of fine craftsmanship and finish, luxury fittings, 12 rich cabinet finishes. Above, new RCA Victor *Preston*, 21-inch console in mahogany finish—or limed oak (extra). 21T372, $419.50.

Win $5,000! See the RCA Victor Show starring Dennis Day over NBC-TV. Consult your newspaper for local time.

Every year more people buy RCA VICTOR than any other television

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Have you heard the

Latest Garden News?

By Dr. R. Milton Carleton

How oak wilt travels

Oak wilt, a serious oak disease, has long been a problem, threatening all species of oaks valued for shade and lumber.

Now the U.S.D.A. has found how the disease reproduces, and one clue to how it is spread. Forest pathologists find that the oak-wilt fungus produces spores, formed in the bark of infected trees. Birds resting on the trees pick up the spores, and spread them to other trees. The cycle then begins all over again.

Other studies, at West Virginia University, have found another carrier of the fungus. It is a tiny black beetle, with no common name, which belongs to the Nitidulidae family.

The beetles feed on the sap of oaks. In doing so, they pick up the oak-wilt fungus and transmit it to healthy oaks.

One plus one equals 12 apples

One pound of plant food plus one apple tree equals 12 pounds of apples. It's almost that simple.

Checks at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station show that very little of the actual weight of a crop of apples is taken from the soil.

A 500-bushel apple crop weighs approximately 2,500 pounds. Yet, it removes only 205 pounds of plant food from the soil.

The rest of the weight comes from water and carbon dioxide removed from air.

Chemical increases rose "breaks"

Bottom breaks on roses—the buds that develop low on the main stem—have been increased experimentally by the use of chemicals.

Dr. Sam Asen of Michigan State College increased the number of breaks substantially with tri-iodobenzoic acid. Treated plants showed 162 percent more bottom breaks than untreated.

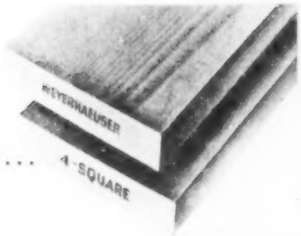
If a commercial spray can be developed, home gardeners may be able to compensate partially for loss of winter wood on roses.

New weed killer coming up

A new weed killer, which promises to be excellent for clearing drives and walks of weeds, will be released in 1954. Called Urab (short for phenyldimethylurea), it can also be used for pre-emergence control of weeds in a large number of crops.

At the low rate of 2 pounds per acre, it gives good control of many grassy weeds. If used at the higher rate of 8 to 16 pounds per acre, it becomes a nonselective killer, destroying all types of plants.

This brand name on lumber also brings you...



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Practicing to be pretty, young lady tries out set of cosmetics on doll with a special face for make-up

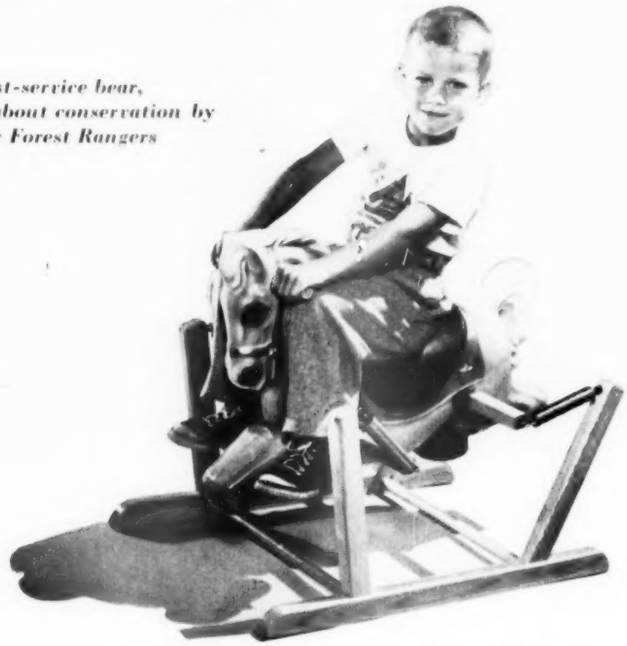
Oil painting, hobby of presidents and prime ministers, is easy when canvas is predrawn and numbered for color

"Smokey", the forest-service bear, teaches youngsters about conservation by making them Junior Forest Rangers

All play and no work

. . . to getting an "education"

This year's crop of Christmas toys is very educational. Our selection shows how you can equip children with playthings that really teach them something. Try to give them *lessons* in music or painting, and they'll laugh you off. Tell them to help around the house, be neat, and careful of fire. It's hopeless. Unless you cagily make a game of it with toys like these. The youngsters will be so enthusiastic to get educated that they won't let their parents get near to try the toys out themselves!



Spring-powered bucking horse will help him get used to taking the ups and downs of life

Being a mother isn't easy, but this young lady is getting the hang of it by practicing on an impish pair of monkeys

With his own "Handy Andy" tool kit, it won't be long before the family's junior handyman can fix things for Dad

Toy trumpet really plays, teaches youngster to appreciate music

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Striking Match

REALLY high style—in a fine car as in fine apparel — comes from a careful combination of these four elements:

Advanced design, exciting colors, rich materials—and, of course—smart "tailoring" or construction.

Such high style is bound to be yours in a car with Body by Fisher.

For General Motors stylists make it their business to see that both exterior and interior body design is always in the vanguard of automotive fashion. They develop new, exciting colors and color combinations in body finish, fabrics and trim.

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So it's well to remember that the luxury of such high style is yours only on the Famous Five — Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Buick and Cadillac. They alone give you the extra satisfaction of Body by Fisher.

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Crystal-clear PYREX Ovenware lets you see what's cooking, helps you make sure that foods brown evenly and cook to a turn! It saves time and work because you can cook, serve and store in the same dish. PYREX Ovenware is easy to wash clean—foods don't cling to the smooth surface. Buy several PYREX Prize Recipe Sets for those on your gift list—at your favorite store!

"PYREX *Prize Recipes*" is a brand-new, 128-page cookbook, with hundreds of appetizing recipes, more than 50 color photographs.

There's only one PYREX ware, a product of Corning Glass Works, Corning, N.Y.

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All play and no work

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. . . to getting "educated" with these new toys

Prepare him for life—on the moon! Most youngsters are agreeable to getting in a little practice as a "space man"

Getting used to handling big problems, infant cuddles an outsize pillow dressed like Humpty Dumpty

Two-wheeled rocket skates teach youngsters to keep their feet on the ground under adverse conditions

The curious child can answer his own questions when he has a crime-detection lab to help him

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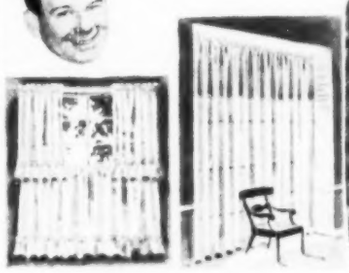

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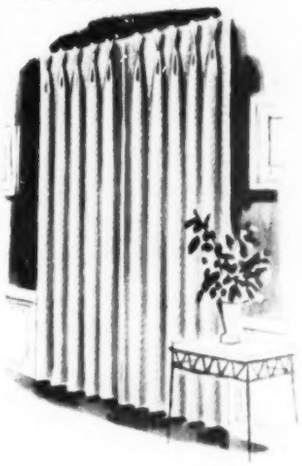

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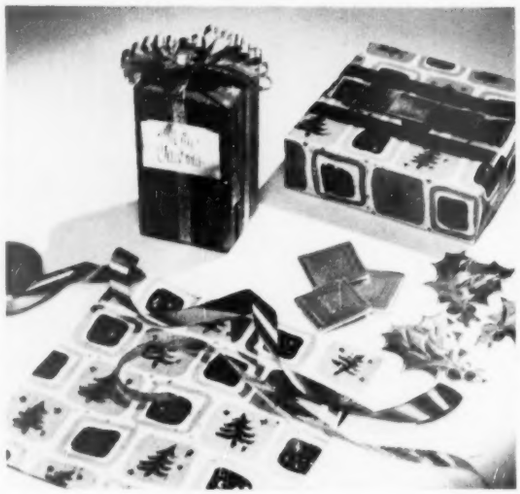
New ways to wrap your Christmas packages

By Margo Garrity



YOU'LL like the new, coordinated ensembles of Christmas wrappings. With gaily printed paper, you use plain ribbon that repeats the dominant color in the design. Tags are cleverly styled to tie in with the paper.

Flat bow on package at right is tailored for mailing. The loop bow of gold ribbon to the left is easy to make and repeats gold in the snowflake motif on the paper. Gold tag and seals complete the package.

YOU can give a flat package that's wrapped in plain paper lots of character—decorate it as pictured, upper left. Cut faces, cap, scarves from construction paper; paste on. Tape ribbon diagonally across package.

At right is an inexpensive way to add distinction to a shirt gift. Wrap box in white paper. Cut collar from stiff paper, and glue it, plus the red ribbon tie and red buttons, on the box. This idea comes from Brandt's, of Santa Barbara, California.

Below, wrap box in gold or silver paper. Then glue strip of lacy, plastic ribbon and 1-inch sequins down center. Decorations will not be crushed by outer wrappings.

TWO more flat-wrapped packages for easy mailing! Top box is covered with smartly striped paper. On it, paste giant musical notes cut from foil paper—just right for a record-album gift.

Below, scarf or mitten gift will double in glamour if wrapped like this. Use pipe cleaners to shape coasting figures. Cut caps and scarves from scraps of felt; faces from paper. Paste figures on package.

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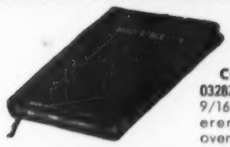

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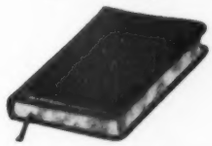

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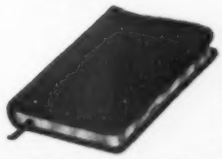

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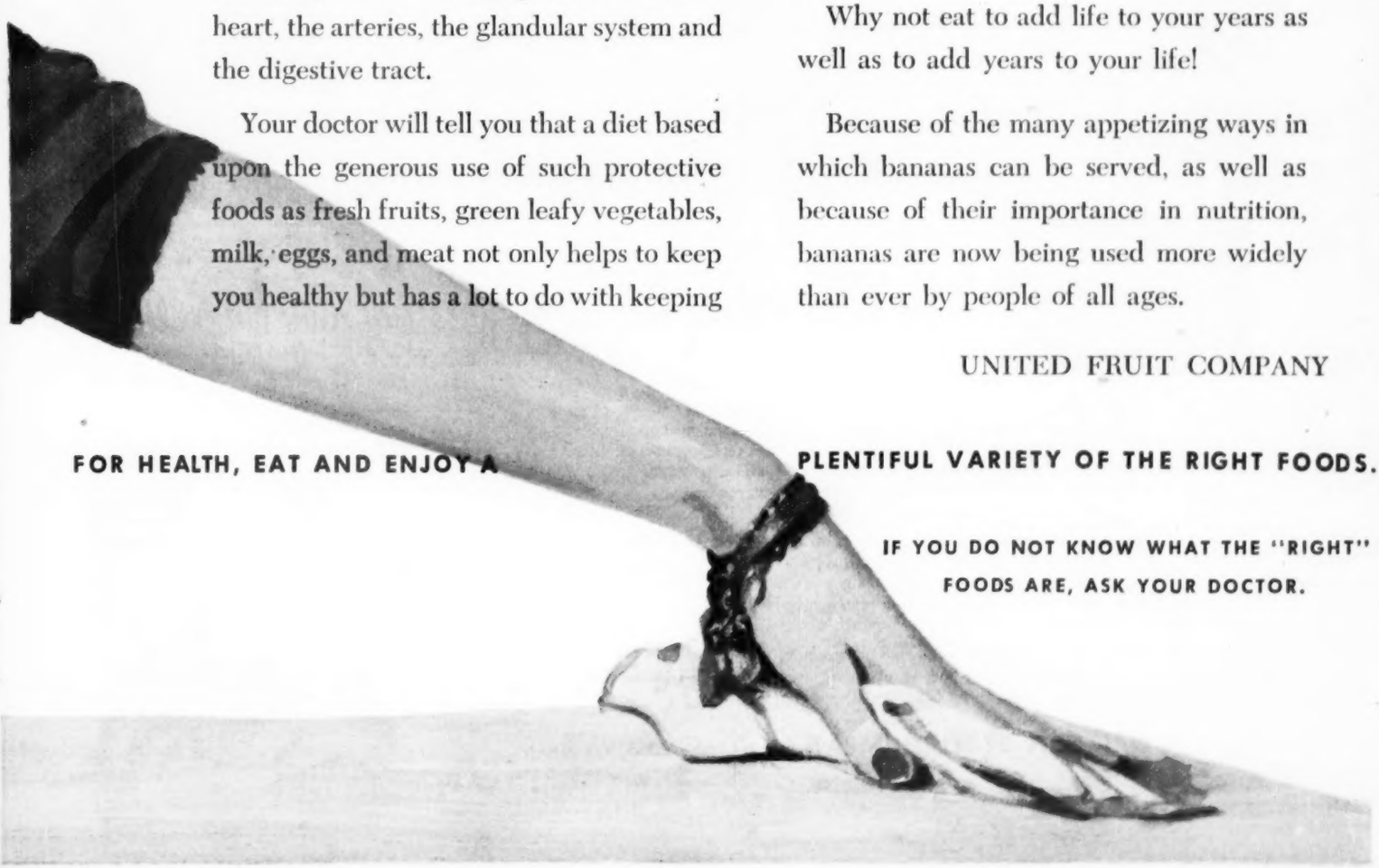

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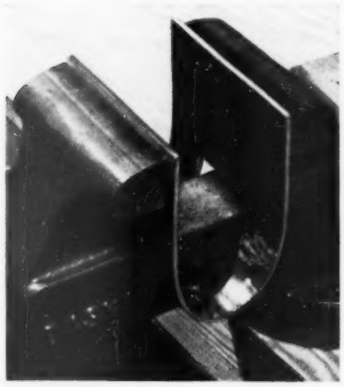
for the handyman



Vise-jaw cushion that never falls out of place is easy to fashion from a scrap of rubber tile, as shown.

Cut it to fit your vise, with rectangular hole which straddles vise channel. Resilience of tile holds it snug against jaws as they open, and softness protects delicate work from jaw marks.

Hugh Lineback
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Cleaner brushes easier and faster, result from the use of a tablespoon of a modern detergent in your solvent or thinner or brush cleaner.

The detergent—same type as used in household cleaning or laundry—speeds action of brush cleaner, loosens the paint more thoroughly.

When paint is gone, rinse thoroughly, then hang brush up, bristles down, to dry.

Richard A. Swyers
Scarsdale, New York

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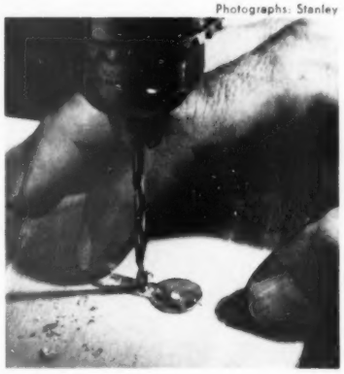
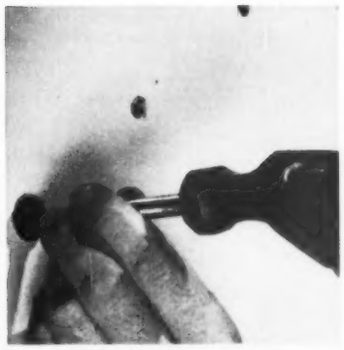


Drill tiny holes in small parts without having the part twist out of your fingers, by using a piece of rubber tile as backup for drill.

Friction between the rubber and the part helps hold small piece in place, with less chance the part will slip and be ruined by drill.

Earl W. Van Dusen
LaPorte, Indiana



Plasterboard nails are easy to cover up so you'll never see them when they are set a little below surface with the head of a carriage bolt.

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Earl Stephens
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J. D. McWilliams
Venice, California

A third hand, useful to hold the other end of the board when you nail up siding or other long lumber, can be made in a jiffy from a sheet-metal scrap.

Cut metal 3 inches wide, a little longer than width of the problem boards. Bend a hook in the bottom to hold the lumber. Drill a hole in the other end of the metal.

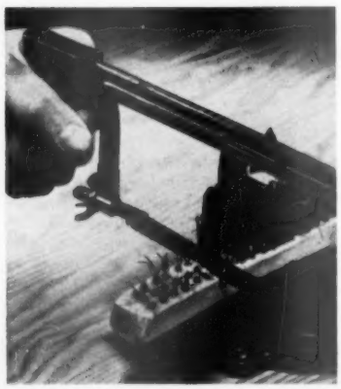
To use it, tack a nail in position and hook hanger on it while you nail up board.

Walter J. Zimmerman
Palmyra, New York

Painting screens, you will find that enough paint works through the mesh when you put it on the front so that you can spread it to cover back with a dry brush.

Every-which-way motions with brush will even out the paint. There are no clogged holes, but all the wire is painted on both sides.

Andy Nagy
Detroit, Michigan



Salvage wire brush for extra service by hacksawing the end off when bristles become broken or bent.

Brushes usually wear most at end. Sawing it off lets you work into a corner with the brush again, and there's lots of wear left in bristles on the rest of the handle.

Harvey H. Piatt
Jamestown, Ohio

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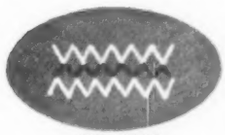

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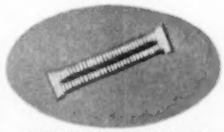

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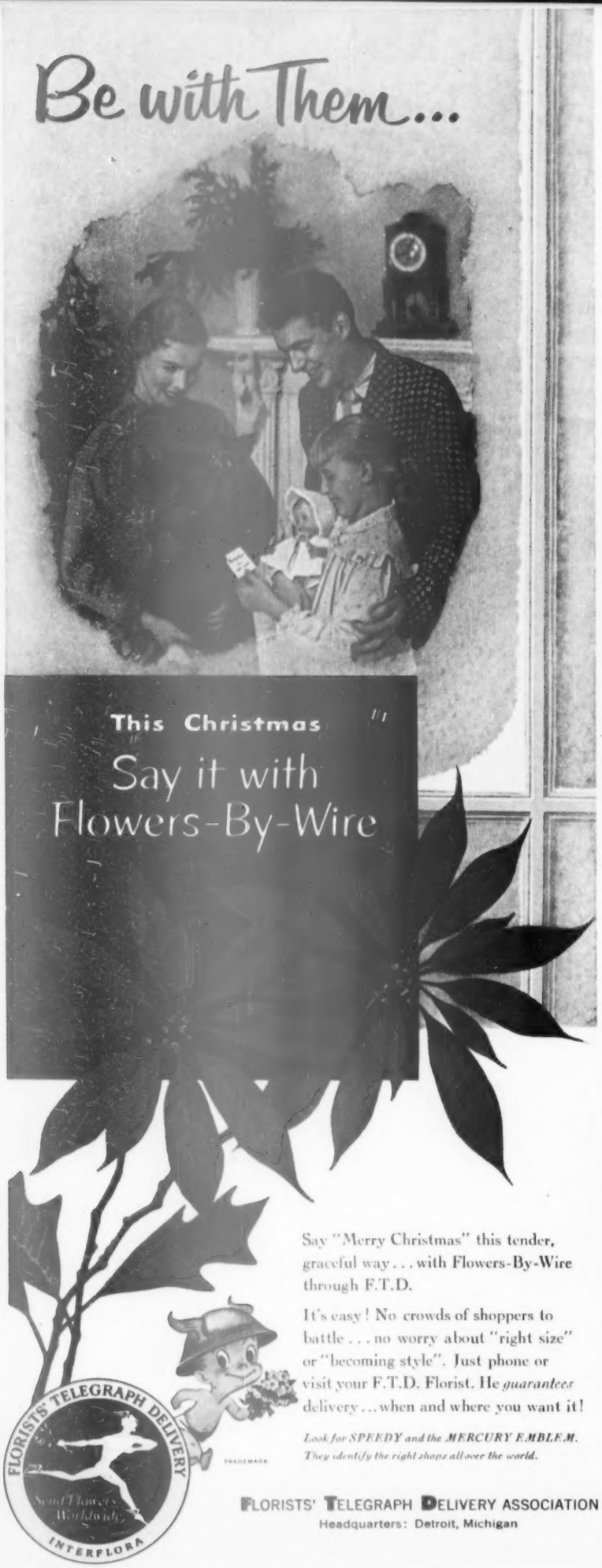

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Prevent wood plastic from drying out in can, as you use it, by holding can as shown.

Your fingers keep open end of can tight against heel of your hand, excluding air.

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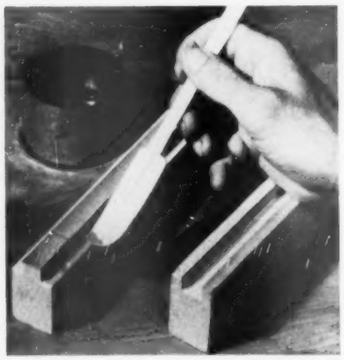
W. A. Johnson
Glendive, Montana



Rubber scraper that's used around kitchen sink makes excellent applicator for glue. Square corner helps work adhesive into any angles, and squeegee action spreads glue over greater area.

After use, let glue dry on the scraper. When it's stiff, it will crack off easily, so applicator can be used for a new job — or returned to kitchen.

Mrs. Ernest Miller
Lansing, Michigan

Mask windows when you paint them, by using 2-inch strips of newspaper dipped for a few seconds in water.

While damp, they'll stick to glass, and you can paint frames without smear. Then strip them off. Clean job.

Moisture doesn't hurt the painting, as long as the wood itself is perfectly dry.

Mrs. Grant Hardy
Hinckley, Utah

Heat softens paint readily, making it easy to scrape off when you want to remove it.

Electric iron, set for cotton or linen, provides the heat. Protect the iron with a thickness of aluminum foil.

Since paint hardens again as it cools, work iron with one hand, scraper with other, for clean job, right down to the wood. This way there isn't any harm done to the iron.

Warren W. Currier
Ithaca, New York

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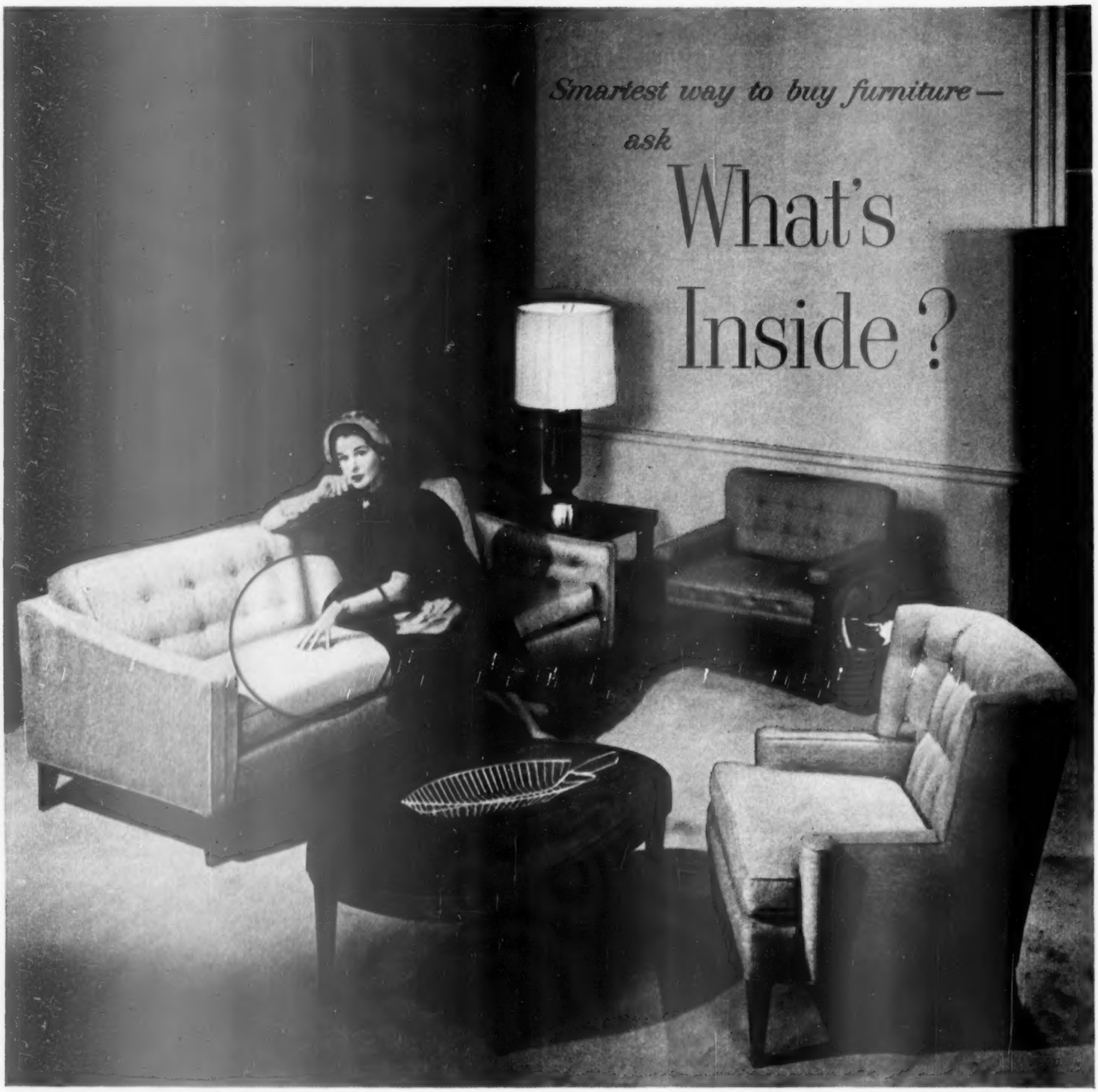

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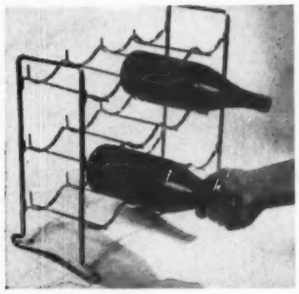

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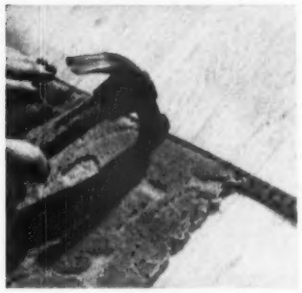

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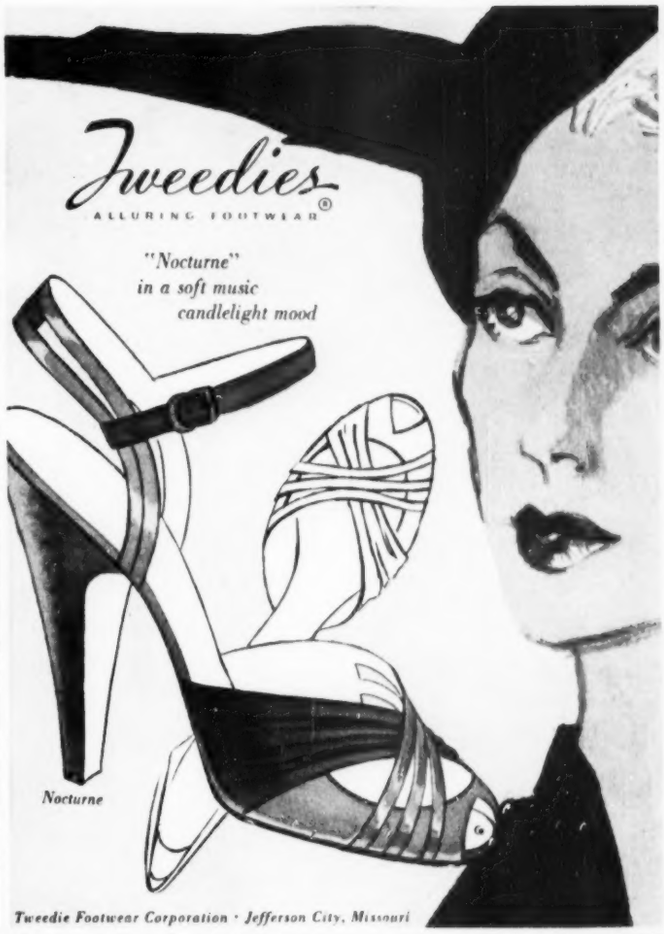

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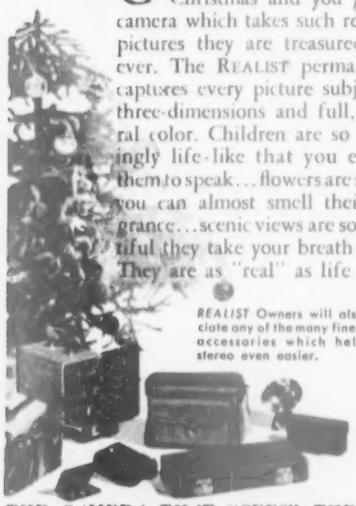

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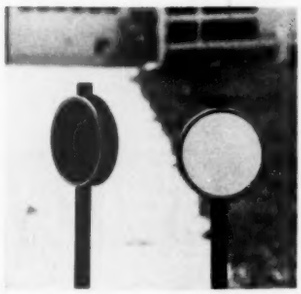

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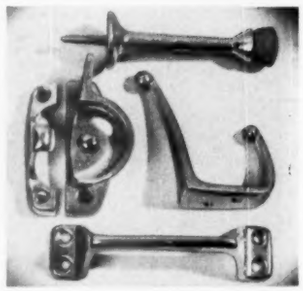

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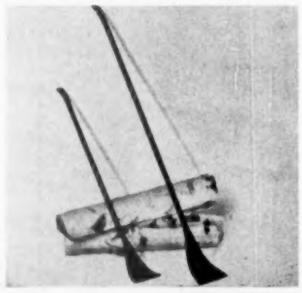

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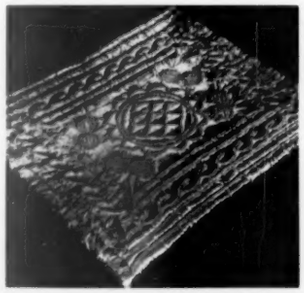

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MORE THAN GIFTS are these important things which make up our Christmas of 1953 in a land that is free, and favored, and bountiful:

More than holiday greetings

The sureness of faith at Christmastime, the hope and comfort for those nourished in it, and the peace it brings.

Church at Christmastime, each to his own; the special nearness there to something hallowed and vital and enriching.

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Thankfulness for respite in world turmoil, and the sobering thought that steps to betterment are squarely up to us—as a nation, as neighborhoods, as individuals.

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Pride, too, for a land that keeps Christmas, a country with Christmas in its heart. And a wish that, the world over, there might be peace and plenty and joy and brotherhood such as ours, at Christmas, forever.

The understanding and trust, warm and abiding, that make a home a haven of rest and security against all that does *not* belong with Christmas.

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Holly on the mantel, the star of hope on the tree, the privilege of belonging, the ties that bind you heart to heart with those who await your coming because they want you. Mistletoe hung inside to trap you with kisses, as those whose arms reach up have trapped your willing heart forever. The whispered secrets that tell of dear ones caring, one for the other.

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Gleeful artistry in making your home *ready* for Christmas (see the following pages, please), and a tingle of anticipation at the holiday visits of relatives, friends, neighbors.

The symphony of childish laughter, and the sudden song in your heart at the knowledge that, more precious than all the parcels under all the Christmas trees in the world, these dear ones are gifts that God has given you from His unfathomable love.

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Wonderful, wonderful foods from a fragrant kitchen. (You'll find suggestions on our pages 72 through 82.) A glow of pride in gifts you've made for others—or received from them—decorated and cleverly wrapped with the skill and color that is an American tradition.

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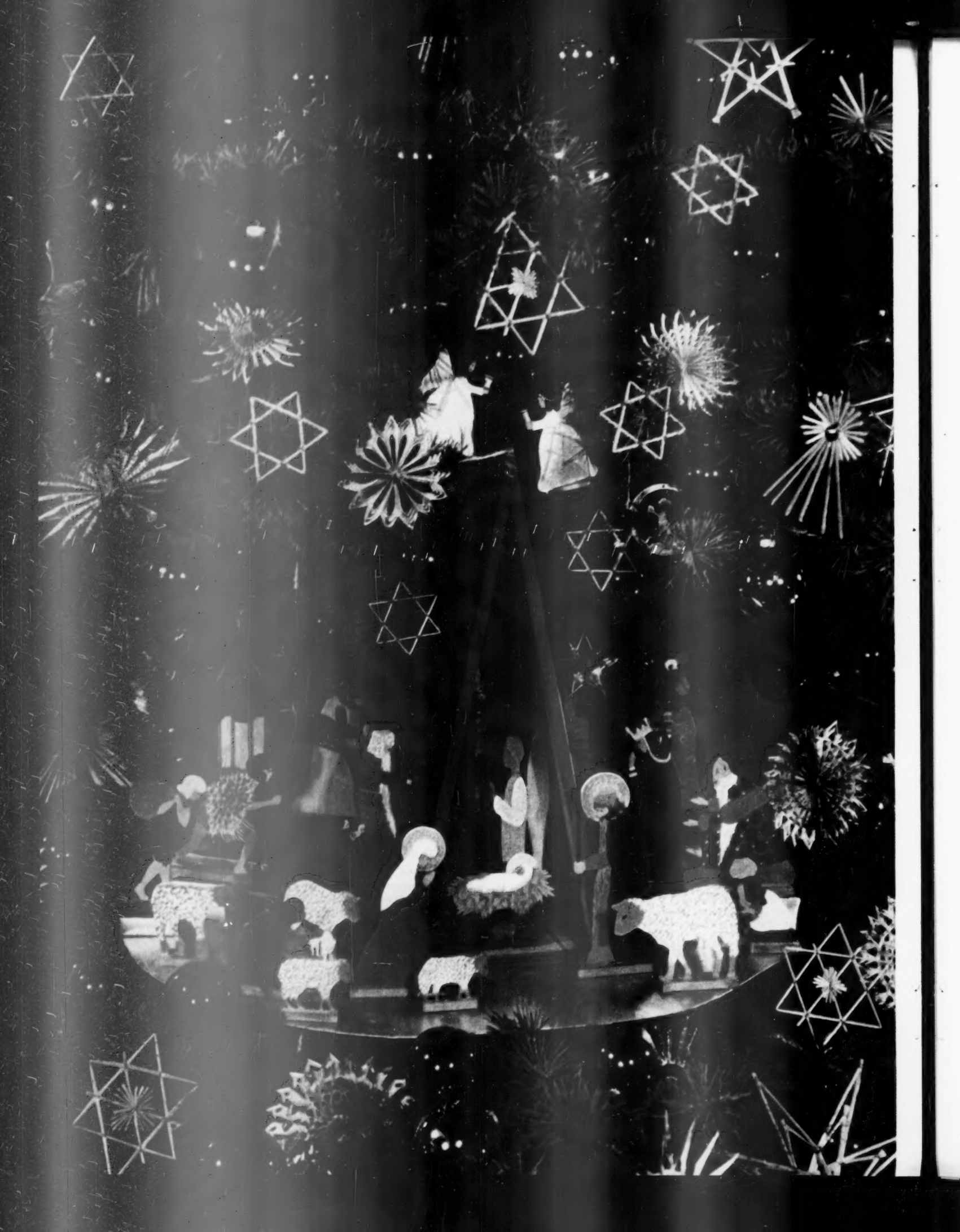
Familiar faces shining with rapture at the marvel of the lighted tree and the fruits of love beneath it. Perhaps the never-to-be-forgotten wonder in a baby's eyes as he looks upon his very *first* Christmas.

These things are Christmas, 1953. These, and especially the spirit that makes it sing songs in our hearts, the one indestructible ingredient, *Love*. It's Christmas. And may God be with you.



Here comes Christmas!

By Fae Huttenlocher

THIS IS A TIME for spirit lifting, carol singing, gift giving, and tree trimming—time to commemorate the Christ Child's birthday—time to make our homes bright with lights, fresh with flowers and greens. So, let's have Christmas showing everywhere—on the door and mantel, in the windows—all through the house.

We've designed and collected simple but lovely decoration ideas for the holidays to help you make this the most beautiful Christmas ever.

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Colorful creche nestles in tree's branches

Your tree can symbolize the true meaning of Christmas. Make the Nativity scene a focal point. Decorate tree with red balls, stars of gold paper and straw. For how-to information on creche platform and manger, see page 203. Tree pictured (left) was designed by Ellen Sheridan, Ventura, California

Christmas doves give tree delicate beauty. Bodies are plastic foam or cotton—wings, sequin-studded buckram. Swags of sheer, turquoise silk are caught up with clusters of blue balls. Lights are tiny white stars. Seen on Christmas Walk, sponsored by Garden Club of Highland Park, Illinois

Have fun with a modern tree! Paint a leafless branch red—tie on cardboard reindeer with gold ribbon. Designed by Florist John Beistel, Beverly Hills, California

Here's a whimsical scrap-bag tree. Trimmings are gaily colored silk handkerchiefs (from dimestore) for airy look, and clusters of small glass balls. A white tree is best

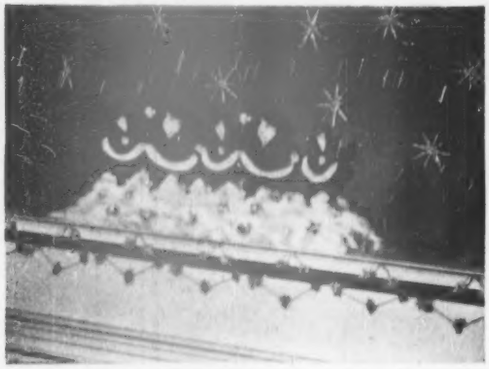
Photographs: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing; Szanik; Hopkins

Turn the page for more holiday-trim ideas

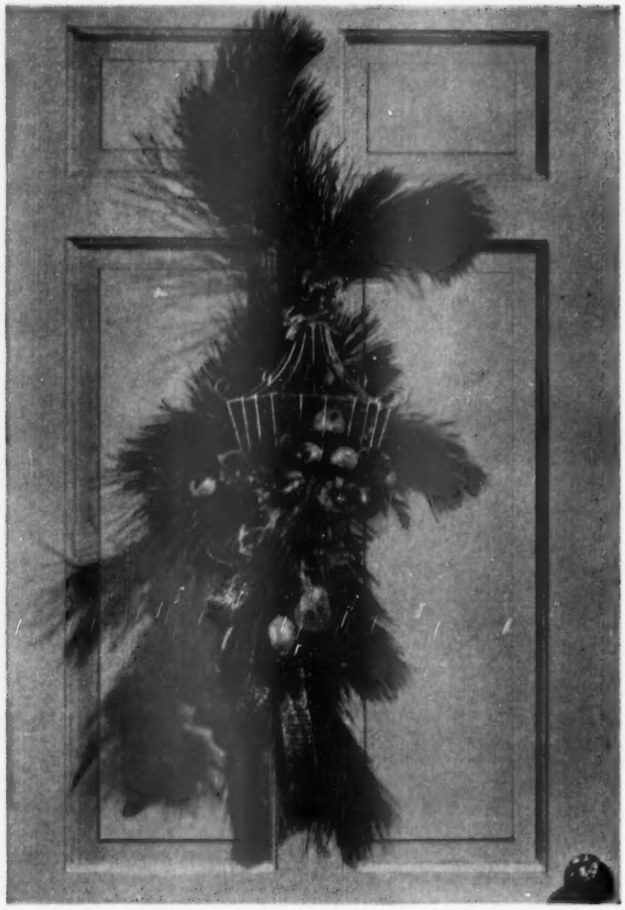
Here comes Christmas! *Continued*

Let gaily decorated doorway and fireplace say "welcome" to your guests

Colors of this decoration may look better on your mantel than red and green. Glass balls rest on angel's-hair. Angel figures are made from tongue depressors, painted and tinseled. Wings are crinoline. Halos, hair, and arms are foil



A kindergartner can make this string of paper Santas. Or you can buy them ready-made. Place on mantel atop cotton mound. Flank with paper-tree cutouts. Dot wall with stars



Handsome decoration looks especially smart on brightly painted door. Make it of long-needled pine, wire bird cage, artificial fruits, pine cones, and gold ribbon. You can get materials at your florist's or have him make it for you

For Christmas sparkle, use these easy-to-make decorations on occasional tables

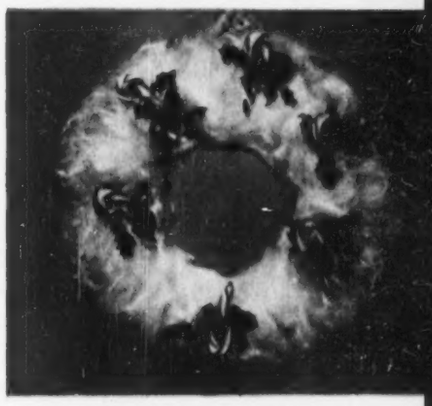
Funnels, foam ball, angel's-hair make Santa. By Anne Barclay, Los Angeles Assistance League

Make a star in a twinkle! Cut star from heavy foil. Roll edges. Center candle, greens, balls. Created for Chi Omega Christmas Caravan in Pasadena, California

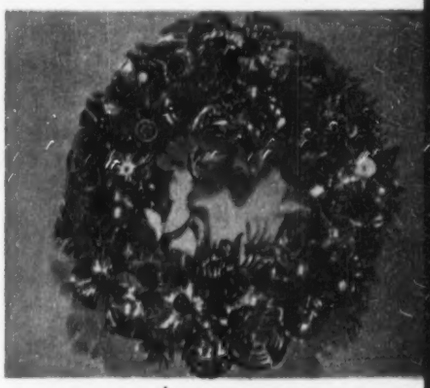
Anchor striped candy and holly in plastic foam hidden by red bow. Cover with bell jar. Also from the Chi Omega Caravan in Pasadena

For artistic decoration, replace one picture from a wall group with a Della Robbia wreath. This one was made by Boys Republic of Chino, California. Boys of all faiths from broken homes live in this nonprofit farm village. Each year they gather material, prepare it, and make these magnificent wreaths to send all over the country

Try a gala new wreath for a beauty touch



Holiday wreath, jiffy quick! Loosely wrap a wreath base from florist shop with clouds of angel's-hair. Then wire on candy canes and holly tips



Surprise! This jewellike wreath is made of tin-can lids cut to resemble flowers and leaves. A button is wired in the center of each bright "posy"

Make a romantic old-English kissing ring, now popular at Sun Valley ski resort. Tie greens to wire circle, suspend from evergreen ropes caught up with bow. Center with mistletoe

This yuletide ball is a family tradition. Every year children add trinkets, toys. Seen on Highland Park Garden Club Christmas Walk. How-to on page 203

Madonna figurine can be used effectively with tropical leaves arranged on a needlepoint holder. Florists have inexpensive foliage during winter

How-to-do-it details, page 203

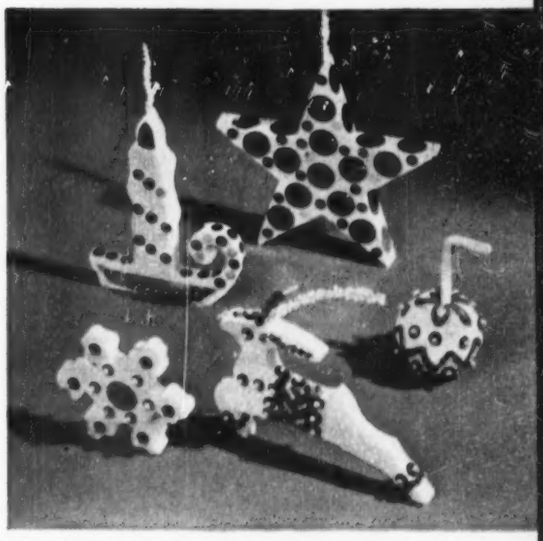
For family fun,

Make decorations of plastic foam

You'll find ready-cut sheets, blocks, balls, and figures of plastic foam in variety stores and florist shops this season. The foam is easy to decorate. Results are so gay that the whole family will have fun with it!

Kiddies can quickly perk up the ready-cut shapes you see above with yarn, rickrack, tinsel, and sequins. Below, ornaments for mantel and table are intricate and beautiful—things Mother can make and be proud of.

To apply the designs, use glue, colored map tacks, and straight pins with large heads. A glass bead strung on a small-headed pin, size No. 20, also works well.



These inexpensive, plastic-foam shapes are available for you to decorate as your whims dictate! To hang on tree, stick length of pipe cleaner in top

Getting ready for Christmas can be one of your family's happiest memories—especially when you do it together.

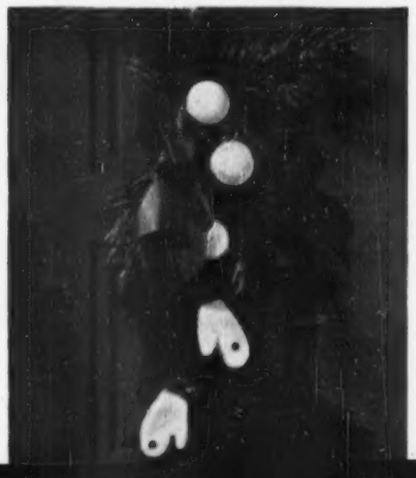
Sister forms a paper chain from a kit of bright ribbons. Brother, Mother, and Dad use plastic foam to make door, tree, and table decorations.

Silk panel outlined with tinsel is taped in front of a picture to form background for foam tree with angel insets, gold lace-paper trim. One wire cornucopia spills jeweled foam balls on either side

Photographs: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing; Hopkins

This plastic-foam table setting and beautiful fireplace decoration above were created by Mrs. Roy Wyle of Winnetka, Illinois. They're produced by local club women for benefit sale.

Here's an idea for your own club bazaars and charities. You'll find these ornaments fun for a group to make. They're definitely sales-worthy items.



Foam mittens and balls add smart accent to this door decoration—a graceful pine branch with a waterproof bow. Get all materials at florist shop

Gay holiday mobiles

Try your hand at these

These moving, colorful decorations are new—fascinating to put together—intriguing to watch when they're hanging from your ceiling, a wall bracket, or a light fixture.

Two outstanding designers created these delightful mobiles for you to enjoy. You'll find them easy to make with the help of simple, step-by-step pictures and instructions.

Look first at "Angel Chorus," to your right on this page. It was designed by John F. Sommerfeld of Mobile Arts, Inc. Straw-and-wood figures, ethereal-green and silver stars, and a free-form cloud bearing joyous "noels" float overhead, making ever-changing patterns as they move.

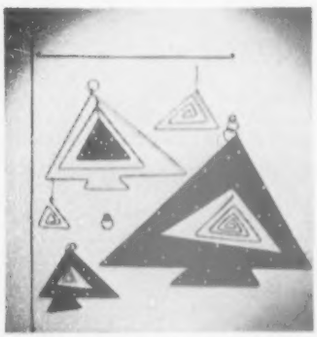
The little girl is reaching for "Dancing Trees" mobile, also by Sommerfeld. The stylized Christmas trees swing at the slightest touch. A shimmer of fluorescent polka dots and wires gives the impression of gay lights and decorations. We tell you how to assemble this mobile in the pictures below.

Next to it, "Candy Mobile" sends "visions of sugarplums" whirling through the air—a delectable mobile by Kay Bland. The kiddies will have it up in a jiffy! Below is "Christmas Dream"—Sommerfeld shows all the things that children think about on the night before Christmas.

"Ornament Shower," to the right, shows off your favorite glass balls, seems to leave a trail of tinsel "sparks" in its wake like a comet's tail. It's also by Sommerfeld.

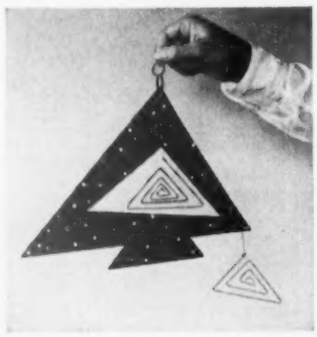
An "Angel Chorus" sings on high

Here's how to make and balance a mobile, step by step. This one's called "Dancing Trees"



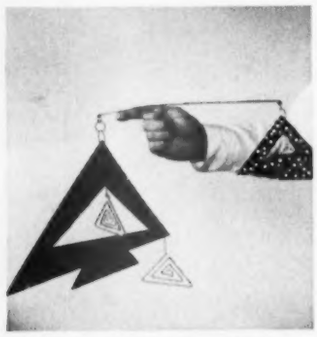
1 Make all units above. Use 14-ply poster board for 3 tree shapes. Paint black and add gummed dots. Use 1/16-inch wire for wire trees, spines (the straight wires).

For rings, shape wire around a cylinder. Paint all wire. Use thread to join pieces together, as above.



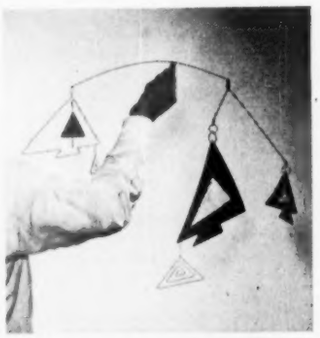
2 Find place to attach wire tree to end of cardboard-wire unit by pinning thread to unit's edge, adjusting till cardboard tree is straight.

Tie knot in end of wire-tree thread. Punch hole where wire tree balances; cut short slit so knot will catch when you pull the thread through hole.



3 Attach unit just completed, small cardboard tree to short spine by bending spine ends through rings. Balance spine on finger until you find point where spine is horizontal.

Bend a loop in wire at this point, leaving wires at 65-degree angle. (See finished unit in next picture.)



4 Attach completed unit to one end of long spine, and wire tree with cardboard center to the other end. Find balance point as in step 3.

Bend loop there; leave wires at 55-degree angle. Insert joined rings in loop. Tie string to hang. See colored picture, opposite page.

Tot's wish comes true—
"Candy Mobile"

Sparkling "Ornament Shower"

Whee! Just watch the
"Dancing Trees"!

Fanciful "Christmas Dream"

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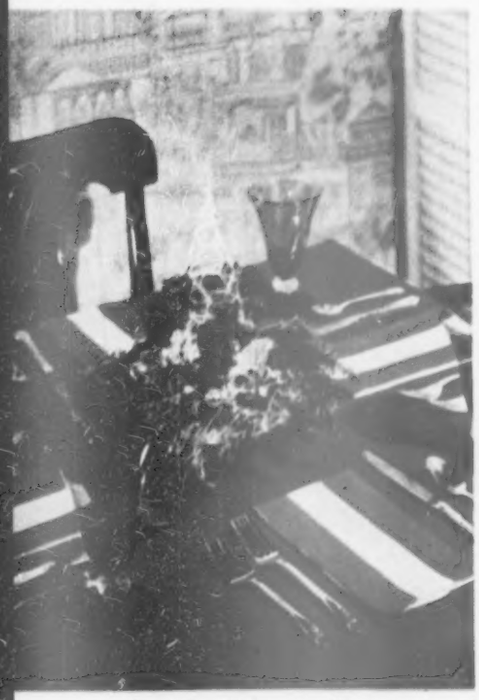
Let fresh flowers give Christmas beauty

By Chris Hutten



Serving Christmas dinner on card tables? See buffet with matching theme, opposite page. Easy decoration uses a chicken-wire cone on plastic-foam base.

Spray the cone tree with canned snow. Stick evergreen tips, glass balls in foam; tie fresh red roses and holly on the tree.

You can use this brilliant decoration at your Christmas dinner, or on your buffet or tea table. With a sticker disc (from your jeweler), fasten a small glass bowl on center holder of a triple candelabra.

Arrange variegated holly, red carnations in bowl and on tea tray.

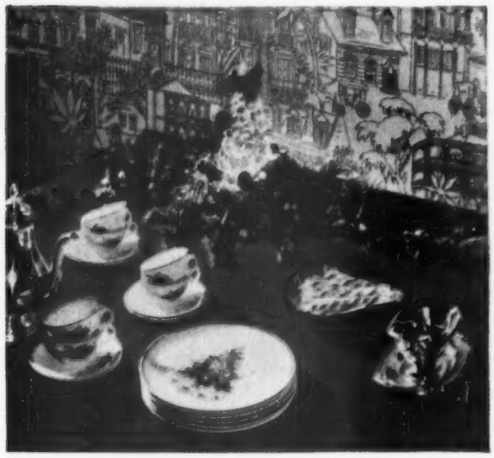
FRESH flowers can play an important part in your home this Christmas. They're a delightful contrast to the sharp glitter of tinsel and foil. You can reproduce these simple but effective decorations yourself or have your florist make them for you.

Flowers make perfect Christmas gifts, too. Your florist can have the arrangements you see here sent to your out-of-town friends through a shop in their own vicinity.

This occasional table's a model of yuletide hospitality. Top shelf features a cardboard-cone tree wrapped in tinsel and decorated with balls. At base of tree, a circle of silvered magnolia leaves holds gardenia boutonnieres for guests. Comports of candy and nuts are on either side, and silver service below

Photographs: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing

For TV set, make pine wreath by using florist's wreath base or a heavy-wire circle. Frost it with canned snow. A refrigerator dish under the wreath holds red roses arranged to follow circular line



Christmas family too large for your table? Have a buffet! Centerpiece harmonizes with one on card table, opposite page, where guests sit. The dinnerware is the Christmas Eve pattern—inexpensive

Make this conversation piece for your coffee or console table. Spray branch of driftwood with canned snow. Set dozing-Santa candle on branch, and arrange carnations and holly in a low, glass refrigerator dish in back. Center with a tall candle in a glass candlestick—the kind that has a suction cup on the bottom

Could this happen on your street?

Photographs: Harriet Arnold, Hopkins

By Henry Lee

Your home may be in an ideal location today, but "tomorrow" —when you have paid off the mortgage—will you be forced to move and take your loss because the neighborhood has hit the downgrade? Neighborhood deterioration isn't inevitable; there is something you can do about it. Joining with your friends, you can build an enduring, happy neighborhood.

In another few years, will your neighborhood be the same pleasant place it is today? Or will there be run-down eyesores scattered here and there with, perhaps, the beginning of a commercial intrusion? *Whether you realize it or not, from the moment you take title, you are committed to a war against the sly, insistent encroachments of time, business interests, and gradual neighborhood deterioration.*

It is a commonplace tragedy. Look about you on the side streets of almost any American city, even the smallest. Once-proud homes, into which so much hope, planning, and money were poured not so many years ago, stand beleaguered and betrayed among rooming houses and gasoline stations. Don't they give you a premonitory shiver? When you have made the last, 240th payment on the 20-year FHA mortgage, what will *you* have to show?

Fortunately, as I have discovered from firsthand experience, there *is* a way to forestall homeowner's heartbreak. By banding together with your friends in a neighborhood civic or householders' association, you can protect—even increase—your property values. Most important, you will build a beautiful, en-

during, friendly, *happy* neighborhood. Here, I have learned, is the biggest little organization in my life!

Especially in these burgeoning postwar days of industrial and commercial expansion, superhighways, bigger airports, and the breakup of old residential patterns, new perils constantly beset the homeowner. Today, an airfield may be located a comfortable distance away—but anywhere within the 3-mile traffic pattern, there'll be noise. A factory for light manufacturing, without noxious wastes or odors, may be tucked obscurely on the other side of the hill—and still be a neighborhood nuisance as a "traffic breeder." The new four- and six-lane highways may be a delight to through-motorists—and a property depreciator to all hapless nearby residents.

Associations springing up

Actually, as householders are realizing, they must unite or perish. As a result, thousands of neighborhood associations have sprung up all over the country. Just in my average-size city, there are more than a dozen. Sometimes, the associations cover only a few blocks and 10 to 15 householders. Others embrace sprawling residential sections and command impressive turnouts at their annual meetings.

In my own neighborhood, for example, the Shippan Point Association represents a 547-acre peninsula housing some 500 families. It was founded almost half a century ago with this goal: "In a broad and general way to foster, further, advocate, and protect the best interests of Shippan as a residential section; to encourage all propositions that may be deemed helpful to the development of Shippan; to discourage and oppose all propositions that may be deemed detrimental to the residents and property owners of Shippan."

That, in essence, *is* a neighborhood civic association. When our founding fathers penned the brave words, the Point had no police protection or fire-alarm boxes, almost no street lights or even street signs, very low water pressure, and bad roads. "In fact, the residents had the right to use 'Shippan' as an address and mighty little else—except the mosquitoes," an old resident recalls wryly.

Down the years, thanks in very large measure to the volunteers in our association, municipal services were improved. In other words, acting together, we made sure the city fathers gave us the facilities we were being taxed for. For a time, we personally levied against our assessed property values for private funds to fight—and, I'm delighted to report— [*Turn to page 205*

Neighborhood improvement often depends on improvements just over the hill. This group is sprucing up an approach to their area

In Stamford, Connecticut, noisy neighborhood hot rods are slowed down by the Shippan Point Association. Rather than call the police, neighbors call the association, which cautions youngsters or notifies their parents, forestalling arrests and hard feelings. The kids soon mend their ways

By joining your friends in a homeowners' association, you can build and preserve the kind of neighborhood you want. You also can protect—even increase—values of property

Is your home ready for Christmas?

Let your home be a cheery welcome to the season—inviting and comfortable for family and friends

"Merry Christmas" starts at the front door. Make sure your entranceway gives a promise of the friendliness within

By Florence Byerly

"THERE'S no place like home!" rings more true than ever at Christmastime. For home is where Christmas memories begin, where we share wonderful times with the people we like best. So, the holiday season—when you stay home more, entertain more, *use* your home more—is a time to give your rooms a critical look. Just glance around you right now and make an honest evaluation. Is your home all set to step into the limelight of Christmas festivities? What does it need to make it truly good to live in, fun to entertain in—now, and all year round? Check your home against the three important points we've listed on this and the following pages. Put the things you need on your gift list and make this a real Christmas for your home!

Do your furnishings allow for easy, gracious entertaining?

If your rooms pass the test of busy holiday entertaining, they'll go through the rest of the year with flying colors! You'll want comfortable seating for family and guests, with convenient table space for setting things down. Your furniture arrangement should be able to adapt to large or small groups. And you'll want facilities for informal dining and serving, as in the room at the left.

These gift-to-your-home ideas make entertaining easier, more fun, for you and your guests alike.

An inviting *easy chair*—maybe a man-size reclining chair and footrest, or a pair of ladylike small ones.

Occasional or *side chairs*—ready to add good seating to any furniture grouping, for conversation, dining.

End tables and *lamps* for more chair-side convenience.

A second *coffee table* to complete a furniture grouping.

Additional suggestions (not pictured):

Comfortable *folding chairs*, wonderful for large gatherings, that hide away compactly when they're not in use.

A set of *stack tables*, handy for snack times.

A *serving cart*—an attractive, easy-to-use stepsaver.

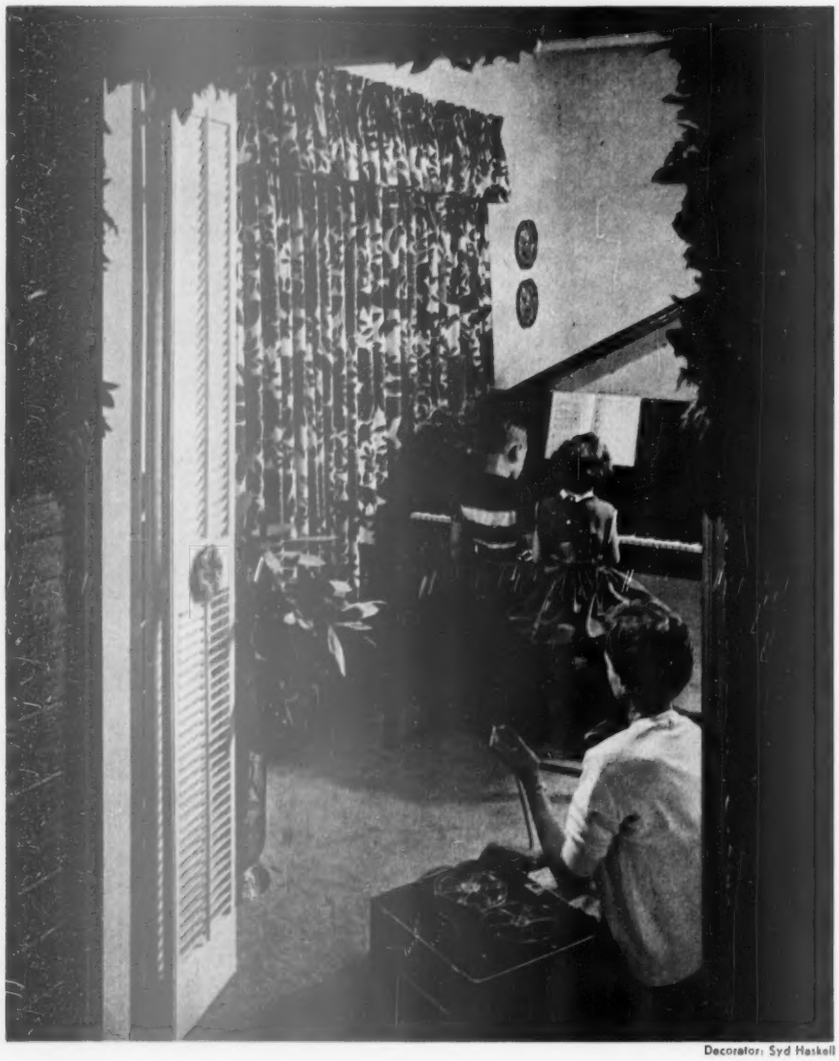
Serving pieces, china, crystal, silver, for a lovelier table.

Accessories—ashtrays, table lighters for extra convenience—colorful and important looking.

For more suggestions, turn the page

Decorator: Marion Heuer, A.I.D. Photographs: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing; Reynolds, Photography, Inc.

Is your home ready for Christmas? *Continued*



Decorator: Syd Haskell

Are you all set for plenty of family fun?

Make the most of the good times the season brings. Get ready for them with gifts the whole family can enjoy together—now, as well as for years to come. Here are some gifts that will continue the close-family feeling of the holidays through the rest of the year. They'll make the family want to stay home more, create good times:

A *piano*, or other musical instruments—this might even be a wonderful time to start a family orchestra!

A *tape recorder* will give the whole family endless hours of pleasure for many years. You can record family activities—such as the children caroling in this home, or the baby's first words, or the piece Buddy spoke for the school program.

Other suggestions (not pictured):

Game table invites family fun—one that stands ready in a special place, or a folding one if space is limited.

A *moving-picture camera* and *screen*. You'll have fun making movies, and even more fun showing them again and again.

Television set, *home organ*, *radio*, *phonograph*, or new *records* promise a wide variety of entertainment at home.

Table tennis or *shuffleboard*—fun for all ages.

For more help in Christmas-gift buying, see one of the stores listed on page 181. They're joining with Better Homes & Gardens to give you hundreds of gift ideas for your home

Is your guest room ready and waiting for overnight visitors? →

An important part of Christmas—and important all year long—are the friends and relatives who visit in your home overnight. You'll want them to have an attractive, convenient place to stay. Yet, you don't have to set aside one room that's used only for guests. Make the guest room do double duty as a study, a television room, or a second living room.

Check over these gift tips for furnishings you can use to add to your guest-room hospitality:

Sofa bed—you'll find a wide variety of sizes and styles, as comfortable for sitting as they are for sleeping. The attractive one pictured here has a convenient space inside to store bedding.

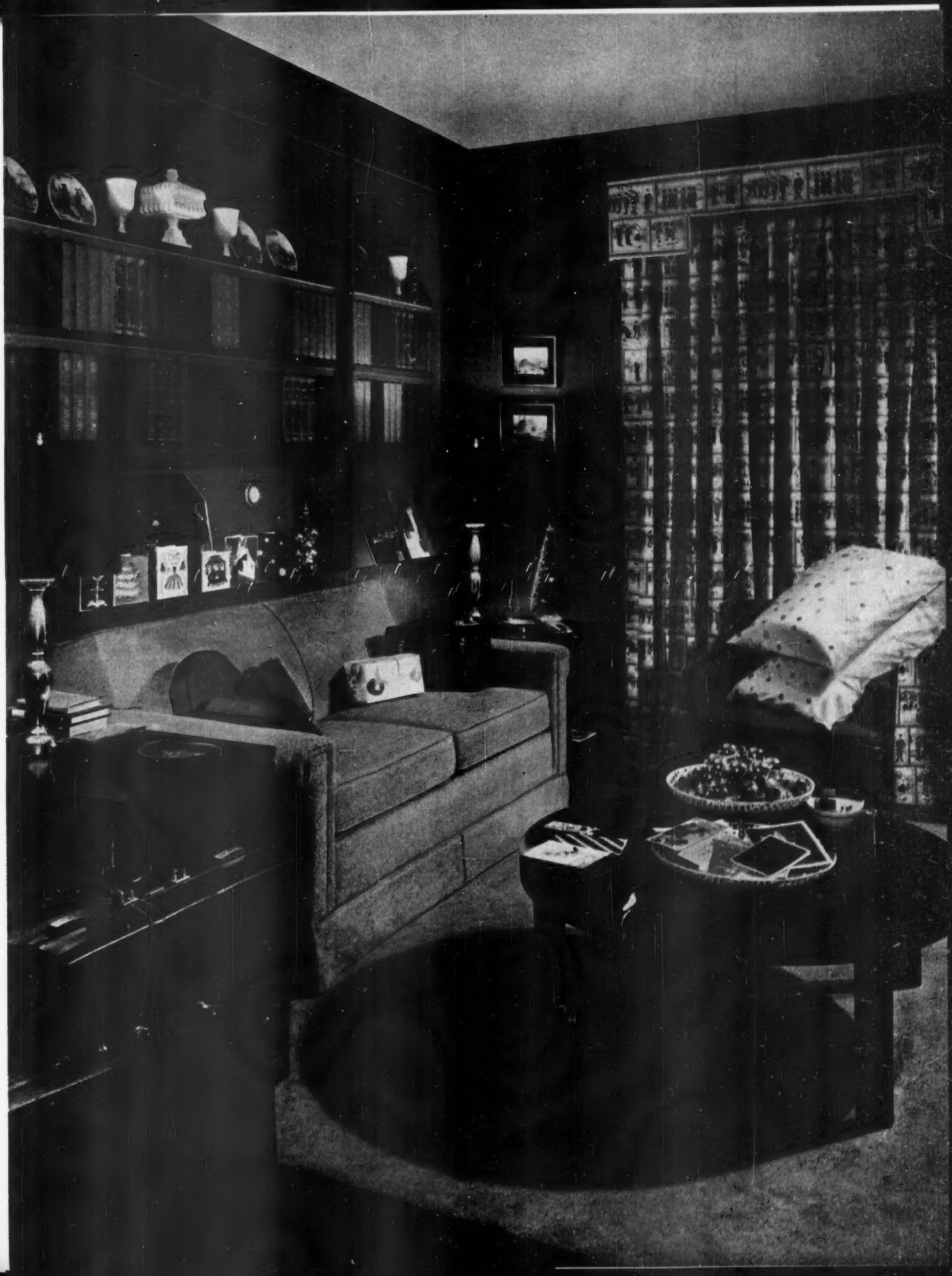
Bright, gay *bed linens* and *blankets*. Surprise your guests with colorful bedding like the patterned pillowcases here. Or you might choose solid-colored linens in fresh pastels, or plain-and-pattern combinations.

Other ideas (not pictured):

Towels, colorful and luxurious, in sets to be conveniently ready when overnight visitors arrive.

Luggage rack-coffee table—you can just whisk off the tray, and your "coffee table" becomes a handy rack for luggage. It's lightweight and easy to move when the bed is opened.

Table-chest or *cabinet* to solve the problem of storage in the part-time guest room. You can even find low tables that open up to provide space for blankets, bed linens.



Good shop space is where you

Tool board stands clear of basement wall several inches to lick basement tool-rust problem in Dudley Selden's shop, Lyme, Connecticut. Studs anchored ceiling and floor, faced with plywood

Are you beginning to outgrow your workshop? It happens all the time, forcing more and more handymen to search under, in, or around the house for bigger space. Here's where they find it:

1—You can rearrange the basement to give yourself *one long wall*, which always makes better shop space than a cubby-corner, because straight-line tool arrangement is more efficient.

2—In many a home, there is unexcavated space under roof. It can often be dug out to enlarge a basement profitably. Hire it done —or convince yourself the exercise would be good for you!

3—You can work out a deal with your car, to get full use of your garage. Mount tools on casters so they can be put into working position. The car stands out while you work. Between jobs, tools roll into storage positions against walls.

4—You can build on. It's often easiest and cheapest to add space to a garage. But lots of shops are growing into house add-ons, many of them built by the man who'll occupy the shop when it's finished.

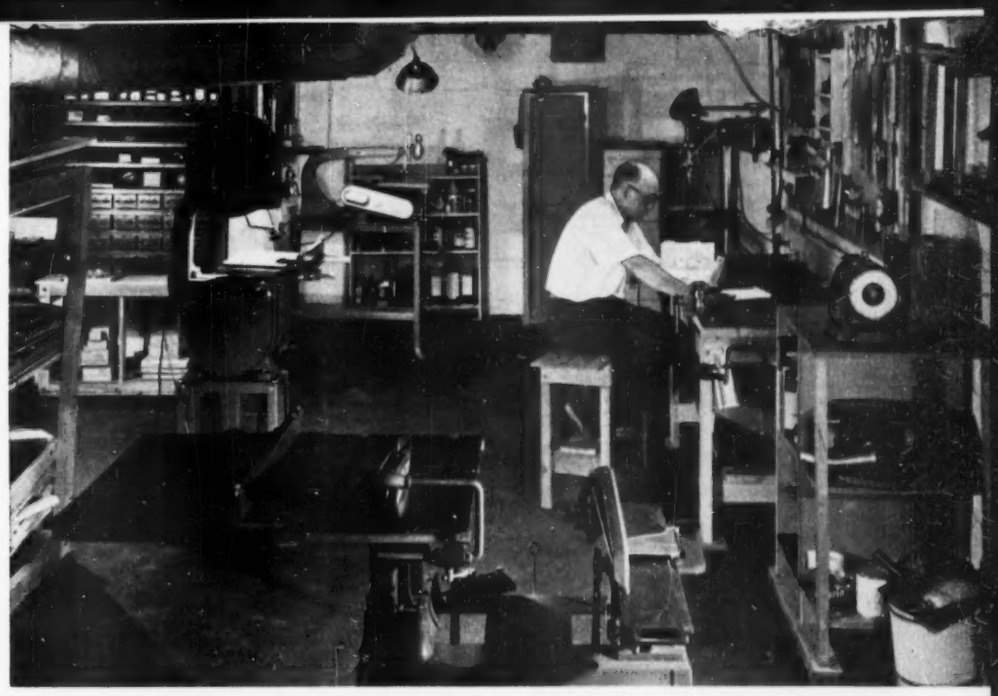
Here's a thought: How about building yourself a carport? They've proved their worth all over the United States. And then you can usurp the entire garage for your workshop.

Best shop space in most basements is along one long wall

Workbench stands clear in the Selden shop, so work can be production-lined around it or zoned for work on all four sides. In-the-clear bench is ideal in basement shop planned along one wall

find it

By Jackson Hand



Dug-out crawl space was answer to the too-small basement of Robert Goodwin, Brookfield, Connecticut. Walls are painted white; floor is rough-troweled to provide a secure footing, and it is painted green

Unexcavated crawl space below a porch provided the room for this smooth-working shop

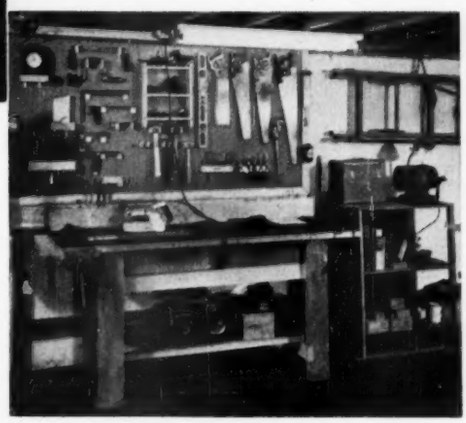
Photographs: Nyholm, Schark

Table on wheels follows Bob Goodwin as he takes a project from tool to tool. Each power unit has nearby accessory storage.

Goodwin added about 15x25 feet to his basement by digging out crawl space under a porch, and got a good shop where there was no apparent room for one. Electrical heating runs were extended from basement.

Outside cellarway is handy counterpart of dug-out space. First step is breaking through wall with ramp, to take the diggings away. Then lumber can come in through outside door.

Lumber rack and shelves (right) help keep the shop neat. Clips inside drawers (lower left) are excellent tool-storage idea, let drawers hold more.



Hand tools only is the philosophy of this workbench — with work transported to power tools for operations which require them.

Grinder stands close at right end of bench, so keeping tools sharp is a temptation, not a chore. Drill press is close at left, a convenient location, since most assembly means holes are needed for screws, dowels, and other joinery.

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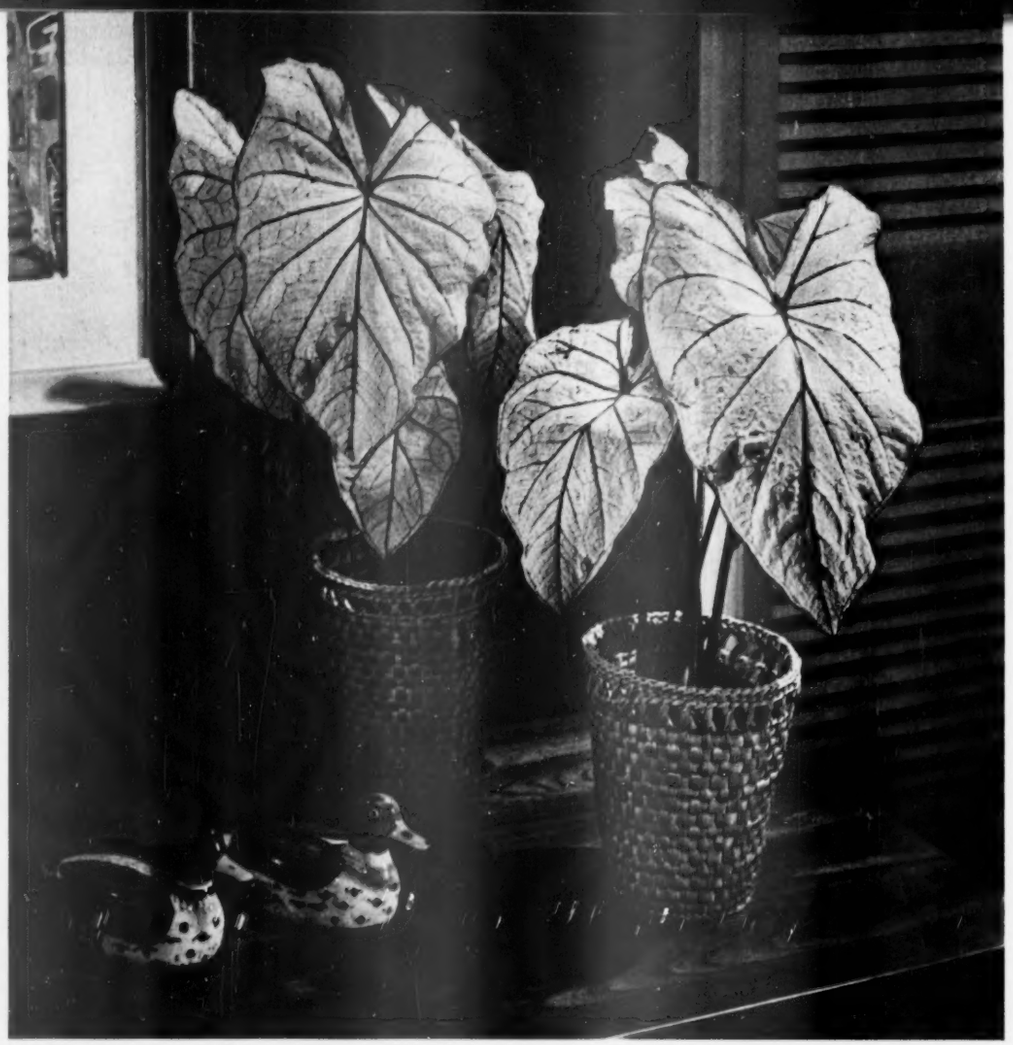
Sure conversation starter

A bromeliad with its richly mottled color comes as close as any plant can to being a bit of living statuary.

Bloom stalks are startling as they expand to dangle small fiery-red bells. When you ask for bromeliads, go to your larger florist shops.



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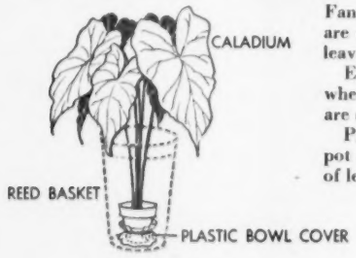
Two are just twice as pretty as one



Fancyleaf caladiums are as striking as they are easy to grow. Handle bulbs of white-leaved kind as any other.

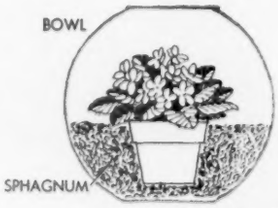
Extra-tall stems are an advantage here, where common clay pots holding caladiums are slid into tall Italian baskets.

Plastic bowl cover pulled up about each pot acts as saucer, does away with danger of leaking and a spoiled table top.

A brand-new idea in baskets

Large enough to carry a lot of color, yet light in appearance, this big bracket-hung planter is made of heavy reeds. To keep it always gay, small grape-ivies are grown next to rim of removable watertight bowl.

Then a plant heavy with buds, like this azalea, is lowered, pot and all, into the center. It's easy to change from azalea to geranium, begonia, or oxalis.



One plant in big glass bowl

Biggest and best idea we've seen for housing a gift African-violet is this. Fill lower two inches of large glass or clear-plastic globe with dampened sphagnum moss.

Lower plant carefully and tuck in more moss until pot is hidden. Keep moss well dampened, and your plant will thrive. You'll need about two quarts of the moss.

House plants can make your Christmas linger

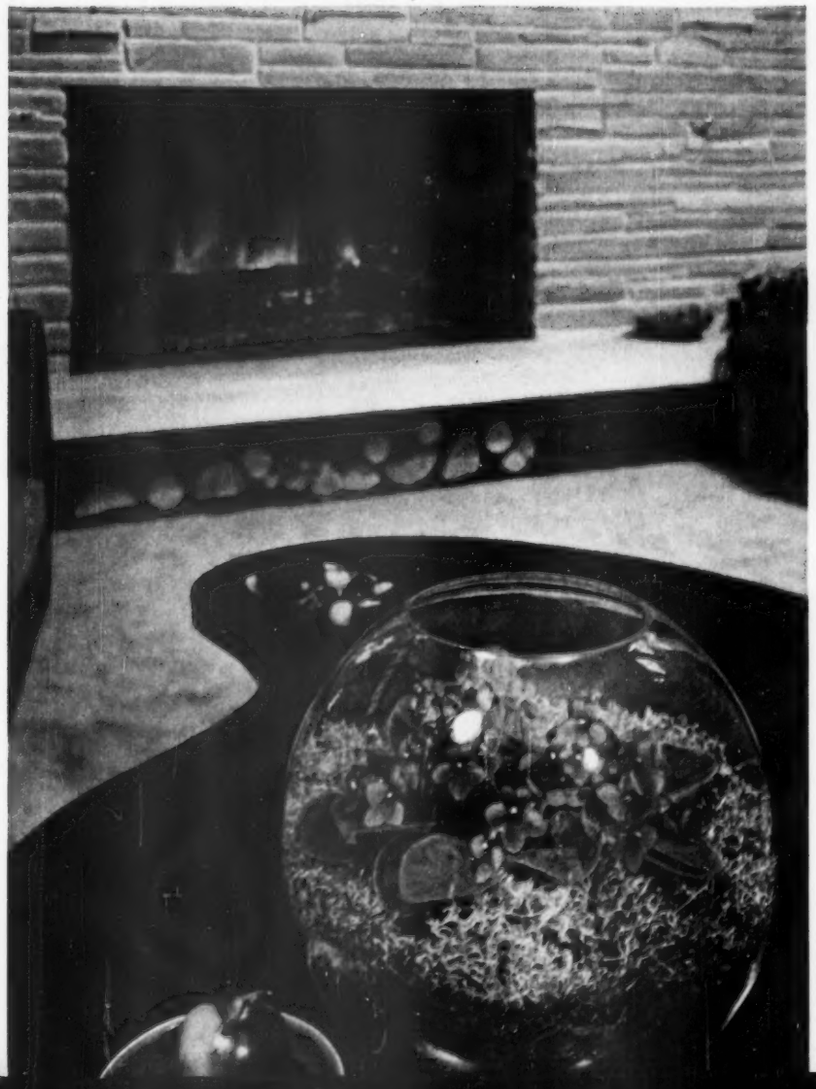
By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe

You can hold onto the feeling of Christmas for a long time if your gifts are ones that grow. Make something special of your gift plants. Have something pleasantly new in their color or the way you handle or display them.

Could anything be gayer or more Christmasy than (see left) these two white caladiums against a red wall?

Could anything possibly excel the idea of the hanging basket below as a home for an expanding collection of African-violets?

Never jam a gift plant into an unsuitable container. All house plants must have water, some sunlight, and a spot where the temperature does not fluctuate too wildly.



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African-violet surprise

New, different, and thoroughly tried is this African-violet hanging ball. Ball can be bought already planted.

But to make your own, you need only a wire basket, sphagnum moss to line it, soil, two small pots, and nine plants in your favorite colors.

Wire an inverted pot to basket for base. Insert plants as you fill. Water plants from loosely corked pot in top.

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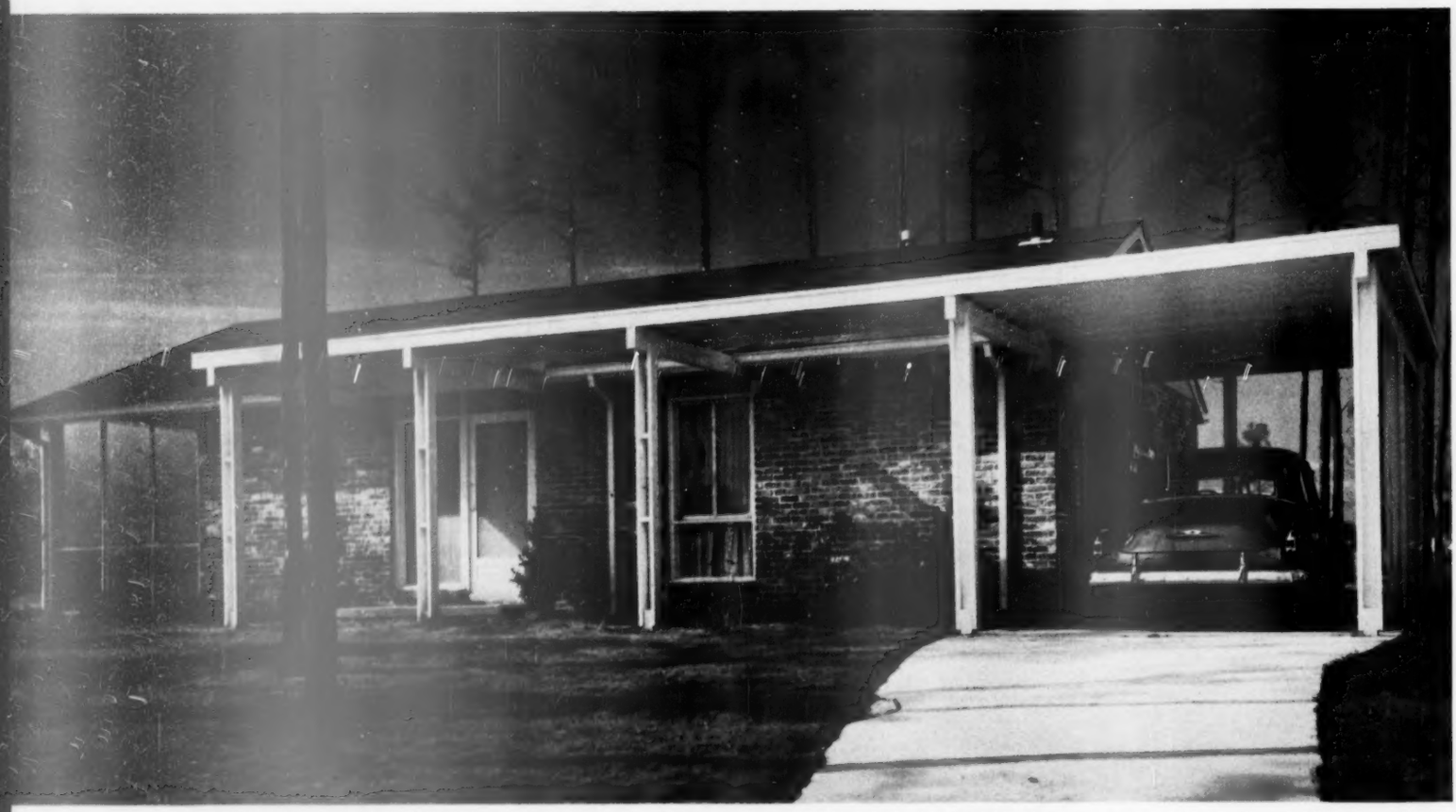
Five Star Home No. 2312

Three-bedroom house for the



Five Star Home No. 2312 belies its true size—only 37x27 feet. But with porch and roof extension for carport, dimensions swell to 58x36

The square footage of any house is still the best yardstick for estimating cost. And who isn't cost-conscious when it comes to a new home today? Another factor is obvious even to the most inexperienced: Simplicity—in plan, design, and details—is another name for minimum cost.

Five Star Home No. 2312 is on your side on both counts. Excluding the screened porch and carport (because they cost only a fraction of what heated space comes to), there are only *999 square feet* of floor space in the house!

And, just as important, within this unusually small house there are *three* bedrooms. A further heartening fact is that the home has a perfect, rectangular-shaped floor plan—one of the best means of stretching space and building dollars.

But don't let the small-space, four-straight-wall features fool you. Five Star Home No. 2312 is not a "Plain Jane." First, there's a large screened porch. The roof of the house continues over the porch, greatly expanding the home's appearance. On the opposite side and across the front, a flat roof projects to create a car shelter and a covered walkway to the entrance. This extension adds 11 feet to the side of the house and 9 feet to the front—as well as giving design variety to the straightforward rectangular shape.

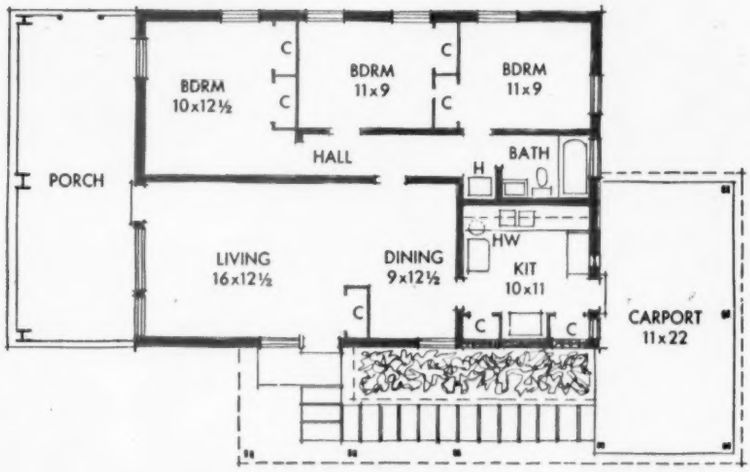
Spaciousness is not achieved by room dimensions alone. The partitionless floor area encompassing the living-dining room multiplies your space all out of proportion to the room's dimensions. The open view from the living area into the porch further enhances this feeling of space.

The three bedrooms are in a straight line across the rear of the house. A short hall that borders two of the bedrooms has access to the attic by a pulldown stair.

Architects Heery and Heery designed [*Turn to page 178*

budget-minded

By John Normile, A.I.A.



Dimensions: 58x36; square footage: 999, excluding porch and carport. Architects: Heery and Heery, A.I.A., Atlanta, Georgia

You can buy plans for this or any other *Better Homes & Gardens* Five Star home.
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To define living area, furniture arrangement is confined to 13x13 feet of space. But wall of glass (stationary and ventilating) facing porch magnifies room's effect, making it airy and bright

Here is impressive vista of space that opens to you in view from porch. By combining living and dining areas, you can achieve spacious feeling and still have separation

Photographs: Rodney McCay Morgan. Data: Susan Jones Medlock

Close-up of dining area shows how solid-wall partition would have boxed in eating space, made seating at table awkward. Floor is cork tile here, asphalt tile elsewhere

Candy-cane capers

Nothing's more Christmasy than candy canes, nor speedier for a gala trim. Here are easy tricks. See for yourself, starting at top row, left to right

Sugarplum square. Giant peppermint canes are the neat tray dividers. In front are Stuffed Dates flanked by red and green Crystal-cut Candies. Next comes a lane of Coconut Trees twinkling with candy "lights." At top corners: Chocolat-y Pretzels.

Kiddy canes. Stir the big mugs of Santa's Chocolate with minty muddlers. Above: Poke a candy cane in each bowl of cereal on Christmas morn. Below: luscious Toboggan Cake has brightly striped runners.

Sundae best. Alternate green Pistachio and pink Candy-stick Ice Cream; add wreath of whipped cream. Dangle two canes from rim of glass. Cherry Sundae: white cake, vanilla ice cream anchored with beribboned cane; add cherry-marshmallow sauce.

Hi-ho-Santa centerpiece. Swirl big and little canes for Mr. S. Give him a candy walking stick.

Candy 'n popcorn feast. Park a bevy of striped canes around holly-decked bowl of Popcorn Balls.

Yule crown. Stand tall candy canes in your candle-holders. We hung the Emerald Mallows on hooks.

Snowflake cake. Spread Snow Frosting on layer cake. Top with whirligig of dainty little candy canes.

Toyland band. Cooky drums sport candy drum-sticks. On snack tray, the Santa nutcracker is ready for the walnuts. Boutonniere of candy cane and evergreen tips can be a favor- or place-card holder.

Cupcakes with candy handles. Frost cakes; sprinkle with crushed peppermint sticks, center with canes.

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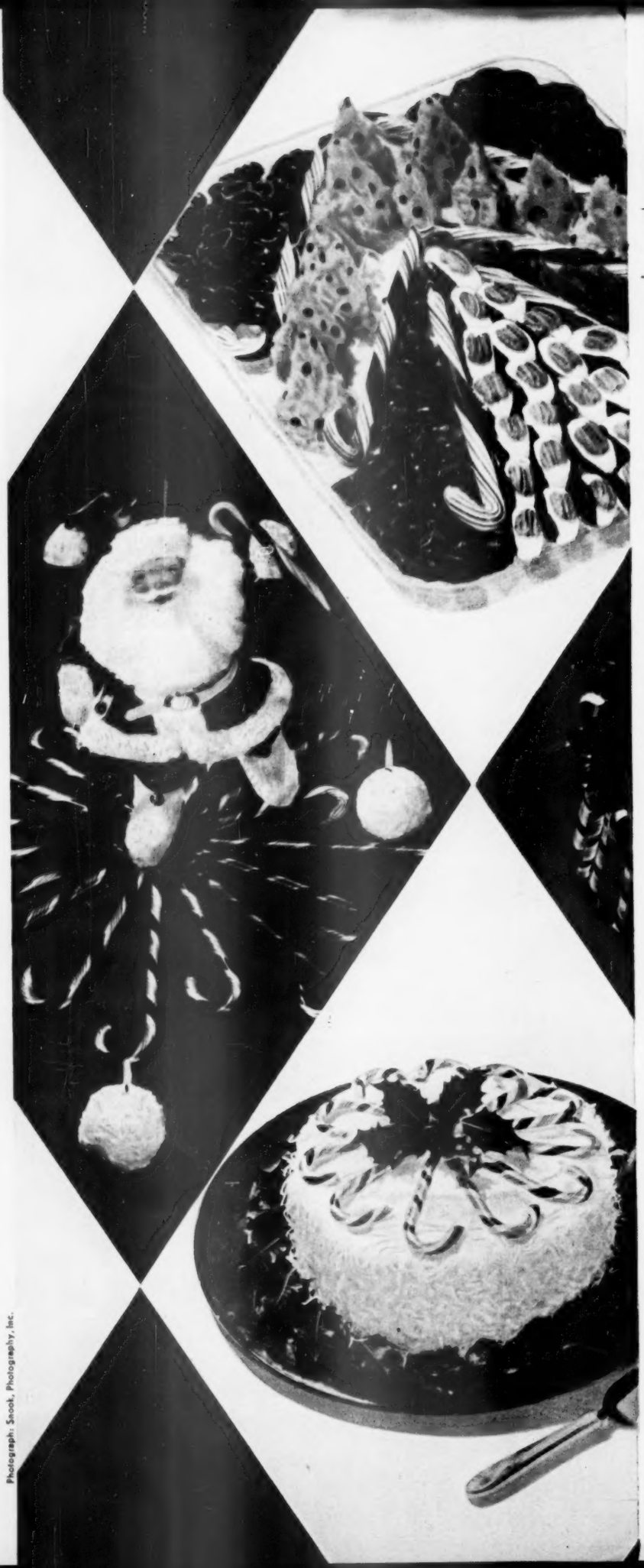

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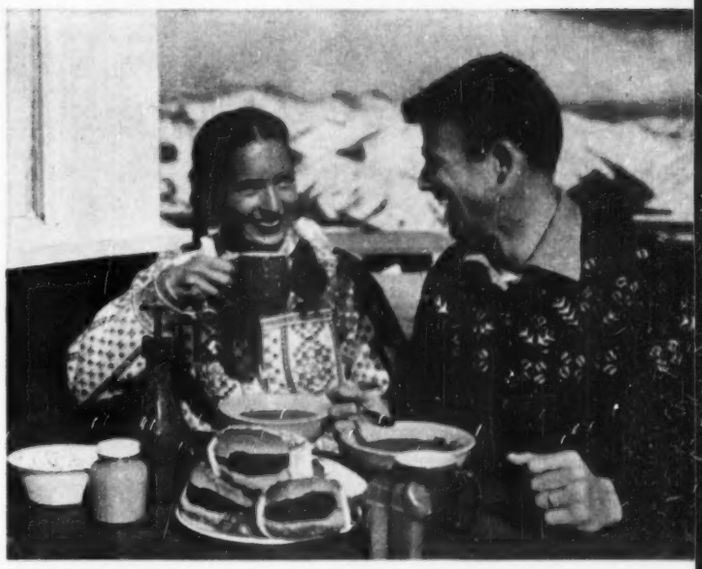
Famous Christmas foods from Sun Valley

You can celebrate at home with the same delicious and elegant foods that are served to lucky guests at Sun Valley! At that beautiful mile-high resort, winter vacationists enjoy an old-fashioned white Christmas touched with Alpine charm. All dining rooms look out on breath-taking mountains; mealtime is any time to satisfy hungry folks with skiing appetites.

Holiday season, the Lodge Lounge is aglow with candles. Chairs are grouped cozily around a blazing fire. Tea is an occasion—take a look at the picture on the opposite page. The dainty sandwiches are so fresh and moist they just couldn't be better. You'll want to make them for your own open house, [*Turn to page 130*



Skiers' warm-up. Steaming bowls of soup, juicy hamburgers, and mugs of cocoa cheer skiing fans at the Roundhouse on Baldy Mountain. Experts and snow bunnies talk over their exploits while they lunch. Copy hearty eats above for parties after coasting or skating

Festive tea at the Lodge Lounge. The plaid-jacketed waiter at the copper tea urn is pouring you a cup of hot, fragrant brew. He'll pass the sandwiches, too. Fillings are turkey, ham, Swiss cheese, cream cheese — take your choice. For dessert, rich French pastries and tarts

Ski cake. Toy skiers ride the lift to the cooky Roundhouse, take a downhill run on Snow Frosting. Bake white-cake layers in two or three sizes (use a mix or favorite recipe). Serve cake with Frozen Coconut Snowballs — easy dessert for Christmas!

Specialty at The Ram: It's flavorful, rich Hungarian Veal Goulash with Spaetzels! See napkin folded to look like a Tirol hat. After supper, names are branded on the table top!

Photographs: Snook, Photography, Inc., Neil Sauer

You'll want to try all these wondrous ways with

Holiday fruits

By Myrna Johnston

Look to luscious, color-bright fruits to add sparkle to your holiday table and a welcome change from the richer foods we like to serve so often during the Christmas season. And talk about versatile—just a glance at the picture before you will tell why gifts of fruit are popular.

Lucky you, if you find a fruit basket under your Christmas tree! You'll want to eat some out of hand and use some for centerpieces, of course. But don't miss dressing them up along with canned-fruit favorites to star as the first course, and as pretty, refreshing salads, desserts, and between-meal snacks.

See what we mean, there to your right—our beautiful Della Robbia Wreath Salad, festive enough to turn any buffet supper into a memorable occasion. It's easy art! Follow the picture to arrange the cheese-stuffed peaches and pears atop pineapple rings, the frosted grapes (we tell you how to fix them), the plump apricots and spiced crabapples. Center your wreath with a bowl of Pineapple Dressing. [*Turn to page 115*

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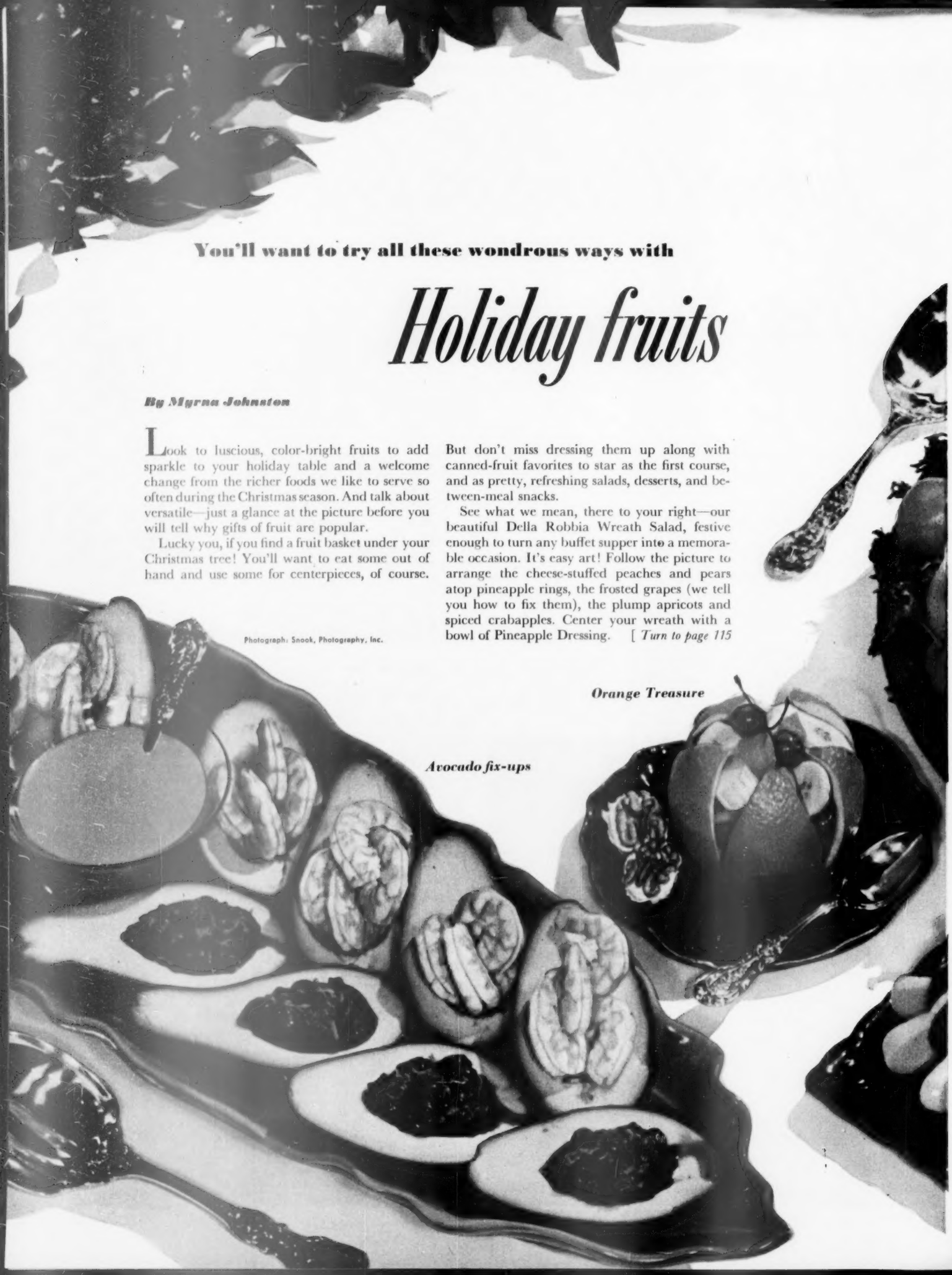


Orange Treasure

Avocado fix-ups

Rosy Pears
Sweetmeat tray
Pear and blue cheese
Della Robbia Wreath
Date Pudding
Grapefruit Flower
Apple-Cheese Wings
Angel Tart

New and festive for your table

By Fae Rowley

A lovely Christmas table is part of every family's happy holiday. This season's trend is to decorate your table in colors that look well in *your* dining room.

You won't lose a bit of Christmas spirit by a change from the traditional red and green. Here are ideas to show you what we mean, and to start you thinking about setting your own holiday table.

Begin with your dining-room color scheme, and plan from there. Maybe you can use red on your table, but not green, or vice versa. If so, the pictures below will help you.

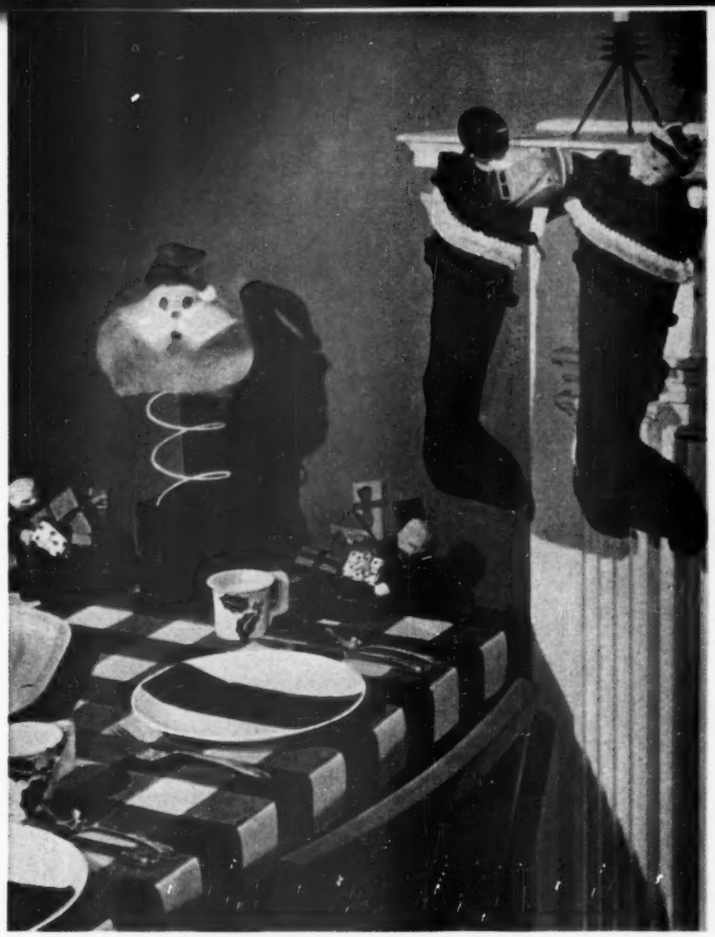
On the left, brown and brass are accented by chartreuse and green. On the right, a red-and-white setting looks smart on a black table. Long-needled pine is used to soften lines of the lamppost light, but it doesn't figure importantly in the color scheme.

Perhaps your table looks best in colors other than red or green. In the lower left-hand corner, opposite page, gold stars march down a magenta cloth—a gala answer to this problem. There are other solutions that can make your table look Christmasy, yet be in harmony with your room.

Photographs: Hopkins; Suter, Hedrich-Blessing

Is your room green? If so, cluster blue-spruce tips, chartreuse cones on brown cloth. Gold-toned dinner- and flatware complete the setting

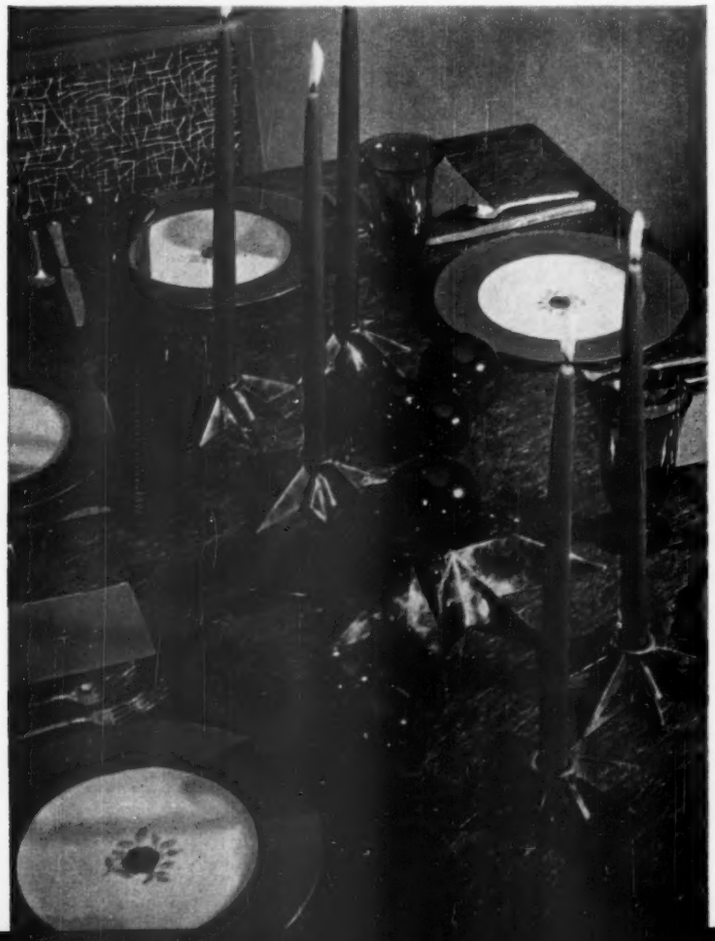
In gray room, use red straw mats and Santa mugs on black table. Arrange a few pine branches behind lamppost light. Fill miniature pet basket with popcorn, candy canes



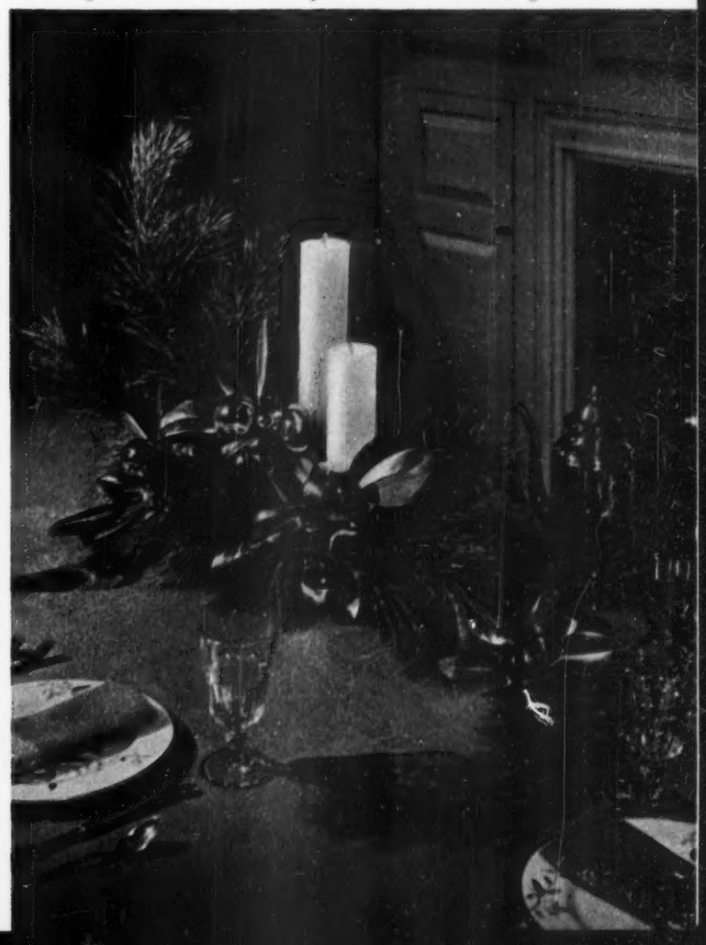
Family will come on the run if you serve Christmas breakfast where stockings are hung. Black-and-white cloth, white dinnerware, red napkins look well against blue, green, or white walls. Elves holding surprise packages flank Santa jack-in-the-box

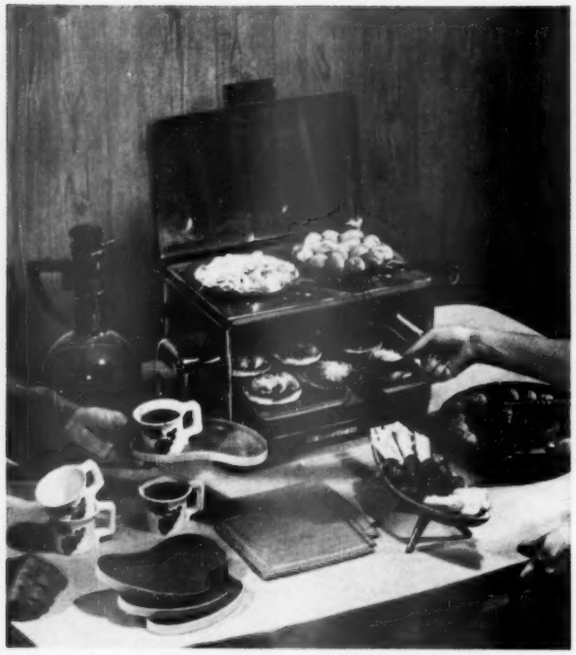
This brilliant buffet table is right for a brown or green room. Blue and green accents give you a scheme from "south of the border." Intertwine Mexican tin candlesticks with grapelike bunches of balls

If your room is blue, a magenta cloth will ring an unusual holiday note. Use gold candlesticks and bowl, blue and magenta balls, blue dinnerware, glasses, candles



For gray-green dining room, arrange long-needled pine with gilded balls, magnolia leaves. Place white pillar candles behind the greens





Sizzling hot appetizers—help yourself, everyone! You can treat guests to Party Pizzas (see recipe) right from a table broiler. On the grill top, nibbles such as corn chips and walnuts stay toasty.

Big glass coffee server holds 12 cups—for speed, use the instant type of coffee. Candle warmer will keep brew hot.

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Teen entertaining. When the young folks gather, they like to do their own hostessing. Let them fry Sugar-doughnut Rounds, whir up Banana Milkshakes in blender. Dial on electric deep-fat fryer and table cooker regulates the temperature for other jobs, too—warming, simmering, baking, corn popping. Use blender to fix soup, salad, holiday hard sauce

Come 'n get 'em. Tiny Blueberry Pancakes, crisp Canadian or thin-strip bacon fete early risers.

Just set heating dial of automatic grill, and the indicator light will signal when grill's ready.

This automatic coffee maker gives a choice of mild, medium, or strong brew—keeps it piping.

Buffet dessert. Little electric oven bakes the mincemeat pie, then keeps it warm. Dial can be set at 150° for warming, up to 450° for baking.

Note individual glass coffee servers — handy to serve hot soup *hot*, too.

Call on these hostessing helpers

Recipes for entertaining, on page 131. Let electric assistants cook for you, keep you out of the kitchen. Remember them for Christmas gifts, too

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Easy-does-it dinner. Ask your meat dealer to slice a canned ham on his slicing machine, and tie it firmly with cord. Then, heat ham in this oval roaster-oven, with dial set at 300°. Turn to 175° to keep second servings hot. With the ham, serve pots of oven-browned, canned baked beans.

Coffee perks automatically, stays at just-right temperature for drinking. Percolator can make anywhere from 4 to 8 cups of delicious coffee.

Midnight treat. You can set your card table early; later on, delight late snackers with hot buttered toast, cheese, and crisp crackers. This automatic toaster will give you dark or light slices — suit yourself! Fill the silver coffee maker, and set it for the flavor you like — mild or strong. Plug it in — perking starts in 1 minute. No timing nor watching needed; the coffee stays steaming

More on page 131; recipes, too

Gala red and green trims

Let cheery pimiento—in cutouts or strips—add a jiffy touch of Christmas red to the main course. Greens: parsley, curly endive

Bake Pimiento Corn Pudding in a gay, red casserole. At serving time, center with a windmill of alternating onion and pimiento rounds (use cooky cutter). Add fluffs of parsley. Nestle the baker on evergreen tips

What fun! Folks' eyes will light up when they see this pimiento Christmas tree atop Chicken Souffle Salad! With a round cooky cutter, cut crescents for branches. Frame the loaf with ruffle of curly endive

Glistening pimiento cups—buy them in a can—are filled with green-cabbage slaw. Star Rice Molds are parsley-flecked partners for tasty Creamed Turkey

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How to find time at CHRISTMAS

Just plan quick, easy meals with brimming bowls of good hot soup

BY Anne Marshall

ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

Here comes that happy, breathless season again! Probably you're saying, "Oh, for more shopping-wrapping time!" And besides, you still have meals to get—good, hearty meals for good, healthy appetites.

But cheer up! You'll find help . . . and time . . . and grand good eating—all three! Just choose a favorite soup from your Soup Shelf. Add a platter of eggs, or quick-broil some sausages, or heat a casserole of beans—and there's your meal. And how welcome on winter days—meals that include heart-warming bowls of good hot soup.

On this page are some lunch and supper suggestions—with help from your Soup Shelf. So, as we enter another Holiday Season, here's more Merry Christmas-*time* to you!

A good cook keeps a full Soup Shelf

Plan these good meals around tomato soup
- Ham and Potato Cakes
- Pork and Beans, Salad
- Frizzled Beef, Toast
- Codfish Cakes, Slaw

With green pea soup you might serve
- Franks and Relishes
- Chili, Green Salad
- Chicken Hash, Muffins
- Creamed Tuna, Fruit

Beef noodle soup goes well with
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Hot Potato Salad
- Waffle and Syrup
- Stuffed Peppers, Salad

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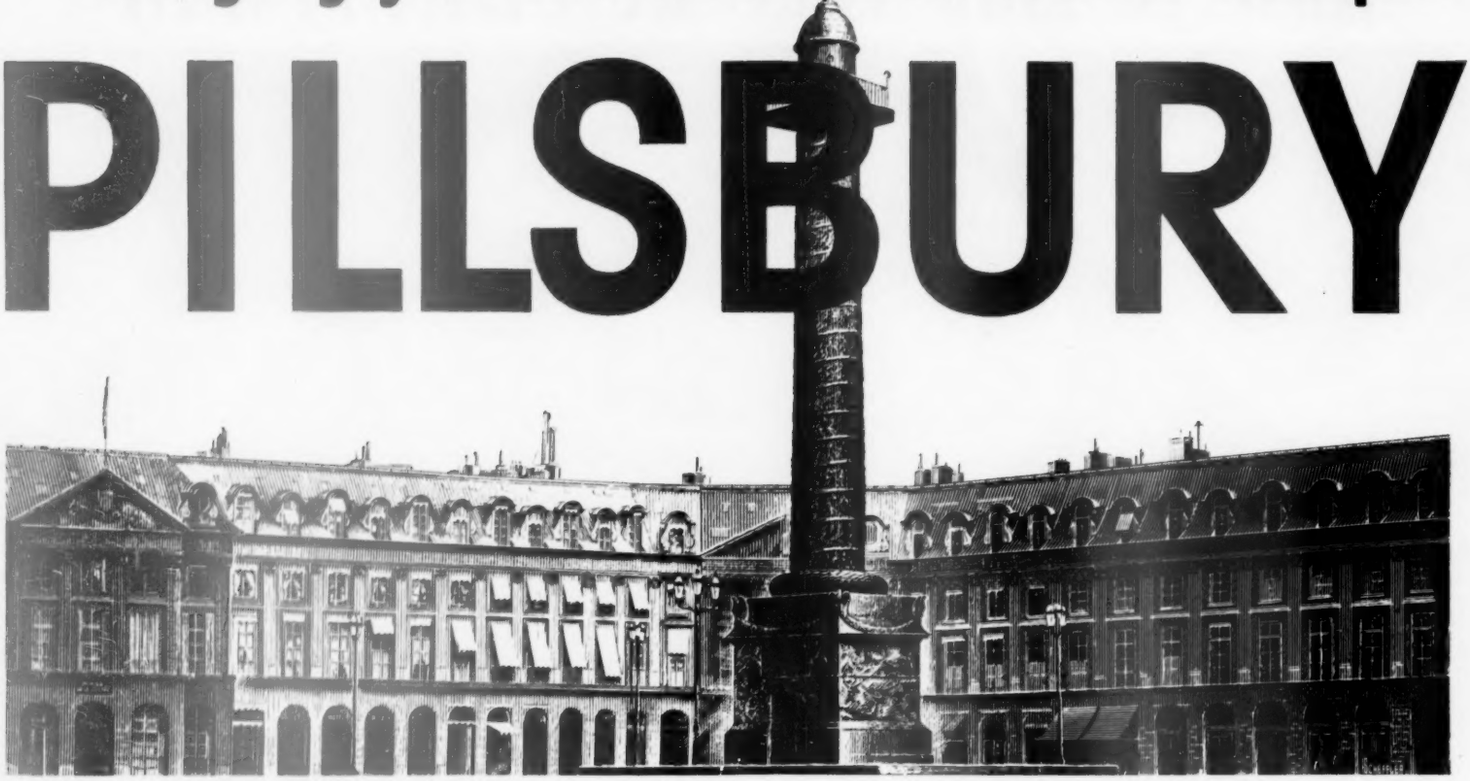

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BAKE at 400° F. for 35 to 45 minutes. SERVES 4 to 6.

Sift together. 1 cup sifted **Pillsbury's Best Enriched Flour***
½ teaspoon **salt.**

Cut in..... ⅓ cup **shortening** until particles are the size of small peas.

Sprinkle 3 to 4 tablespoons cold **water** over mixture, tossing lightly with fork until dough is moist enough to hold together. Form into a ball.

Roll out..... on floured pastry cloth or board to a circle 1½ inches larger than inverted 8-inch piepan.

Fit..... pastry loosely into pan. Fold edge to form a standing rim. Flute.

FILLING

Fry... ½ pound **bacon** (about 12 slices) until crisp. Crumble into pastry-lined pan. (One-fourth pound cooked ham, diced, may also be used.)

Arrange ¼ pound **Swiss** *or* **American cheese****, grated, over bacon.

Beat... 3 **eggs** slightly with rotary beater. Add
2 cups **milk** or light cream
1 teaspoon **salt**
⅛ teaspoon **pepper** and
⅛ teaspoon **cayenne pepper.** Blend and pour over bacon and cheese in pan.

Bake.. in moderately hot oven (400° F.) 35 to 45 minutes.

*If you use Pillsbury's Best Enriched Self-Rising Flour (sold in parts of the south), omit salt in pastry.
**If desired, 3 oz. Gruyère cheese may also be used.

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C. **Linzer Torte** (*Pronounced Lint-ser Tor-teh*)
D. **Petits Pains au Chocolat** (*Pronounced Puh-tee Pahng oh Show-kah-lah*)
(Pronunciations as recommended by The Berlitz School of Languages)

Treat them tonight to LIBBY'S PEACHES

-the peaches you too would have picked from the trees!

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And when you're buying peaches, take an extra second down the aisle and pick Libby's—round and beautiful, tender and juicy, luscious as they come.

Libby's Peach Igloo—Make your favorite fruit-flavored gelatine. Drain peach halves *thoroughly*. Arrange peaches, cut side down, on bottom and around sides of mixing bowl. Fill bowl with *partly congealed* gelatine. Add more peaches to center. Chill until firm. Unmold. Serve with sweetened whipped cream.

Libby, McNeill & Libby, Chicago 9, Ill.

CONTEST FOR COOKS

Recipes wanted for shortcakes and potato salad

JUST WHAT you've been waiting for—a chance to win a prize by sharing your best recipes for shortcakes and potato salad. Top honors will go to the Cook-of-the Month, who will receive $10 for her winning recipe. The 20 runners-up will receive $3 each. Eight of the winning recipes will be featured in the *Better Homes & Gardens* Prize Tested Recipes pages next July.

And remember, the winners of these 21 prizes will receive the *Better Homes & Gardens* Certificate of Endorsement and *six copies of the endorsed recipe.*

Hints to help you—

Shortcakes can be desserts or main dishes. Is your favorite the cake type—homemade or from the store? Or how about rich biscuits, rolled or dropped—made from a mix if you like? Perhaps you add an egg to the biscuit dough. Or is your shortcake a pastry? Send us your best shortcake recipe, including the topping—fruit, meat, poultry, fish. For suggestions:

- old-fashioned strawberry shortcake
- luscious rhubarb shortcake
- pineapple shortcake with cheese biscuit
- fresh raspberry shortcake
- ham or chicken shortcake with crusty corn bread
- meat shortcakes with creamy mushroom sauce

Potato salads are a summertime stand-by. What is your special combination of ingredients? Be sure to include all details on the dressing. Here are ideas:

- old-time potato salad
- hot potato salad
- mashed-potato salad
- sour-cream potato salad
- broiler-potato salad
- meat and potato salad
- potato salad with cheese
- Fourth-of-July potato salad

Contest rules—

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time, and mark it "July Shortcakes" or "July Potato Salads."
2. Print your full name and address clearly in upper right corner of recipe page.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, teaspoons, never in heaping or scant measurements.
4. Be sure to specify in your recipe the brand names of the *nationally* known food products you use as ingredients—products available everywhere. We must know them so we can test your recipe with the same brands you use.
5. Include 50 to 100 words about the history or origin of the recipe you submit.
6. All recipes submitted become the property of *Better Homes & Gardens.*
7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, December 31.
8. Address the recipes you enter to 5412 Testing-Test Kitchen, *Better Homes & Gardens*, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

This month's winners

(*See recipes on pages 91 and 92*)

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Butter Cookies to give – to nibble – to trim the tree!

Mrs. Santa's own Butter Cooky Recipe

Yield: About 6 dozen

1 cup soft butter
½ cup sugar
1 egg, unbeaten
1½ teaspoons vanilla extract
3 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon grated lemon rind
¼ teaspoon lemon juice

Mix together butter, sugar, egg and vanilla thoroughly. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Add gradually to butter mixture blending well. Add grated lemon rind and lemon juice. Blend thoroughly. Wrap in waxed paper and chill 1 hour or longer. Roll on lightly floured board to ⅛ inch thickness. Cut with fancy cutters. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 400°F. (hot oven) about 8 minutes. Cool and decorate as desired.

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Holiday cooking guide for the crowd

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Keep this guide handy when you're planning to serve a big group

	What'll you serve?	For company—12 in all	It's a crowd with 25
Poultry, meat	*Roast turkey or fried chicken*—allow ½ to ¾ pound, ready-to-cook weight, per serving	10- to 12-pound turkey, ready-to-cook weight, or 3 2½- to 3-pound broiler-fryers, ready-to-cook weight	16- to 20-pound turkey, ready-to-cook weight, or 6 2½- to 3-pound broiler-fryers, ready-to-cook weight
	Ham—uncooked; allow ½ to ¾ pound per serving	6 to 9 pounds bone-in ham, or 4 pounds boneless ham	12 to 18 pounds bone-in ham or 8 pounds boneless ham
	Ham—fully cooked or canned; allow ½ to ⅓ pound per serving	4 pounds bone-in ham, or 3 pounds boneless or canned ham	8 to 8½ pounds bone-in ham or 6 pounds boneless or canned ham
	Standing rib roast—allow ⅓ pound bone-in roast per serving	4 to 5 pounds	9 to 10 pounds (7-rib roast)
	Meat loaf	2½ to 3 pounds ground beef	5 to 6 pounds ground beef
	Ham loaf—combination ground ham and ground pork	1⅓ pounds ground ham and 2⅔ pounds ground pork	2⅔ pounds ground ham and 5⅓ pounds ground pork
Vegetables	*Potatoes*—mashed or scalloped	3 to 4 pounds	7½ pounds
	Sweet potatoes or yams—candied	4 to 5 pounds or 3 No. 2 cans	9 to 10 pounds or 6 No. 2 cans
	Peas—canned or frozen	3 No. 303 cans or 3 12-ounce packages, frozen	6 No. 303 cans or 5 12-ounce packages, frozen
	Green beans—canned or frozen	3 No. 2 cans or 3 12-ounce packages, frozen	5 No. 2 cans or 5 to 6 12-ounce packages, frozen
	Corn—canned or frozen	3 No. 303 cans, 3 12-ounce flat cans, or 3 12-ounce packages, frozen	6 No. 303 cans, 6 12-ounce flat cans, or 6 12-ounce packages, frozen
Desserts	*Fruitcake*	2 pounds	4 pounds
	Ice cream or sherbet	½ gallon (2 quarts)	1 gallon (4 quarts)
	Mincemeat or pumpkin pie	2 9-inch pies	5 8-inch pies
	Whipped cream for pie topping	½ pint heavy cream	1 pint heavy cream
Beverages	*Coffee—cream—sugar*	1½ cups coffee, ½ pint cream, ¼ pound sugar	½ to ¾ pound coffee, 1 pint cream, ½ pound sugar
	Instant coffee	½ cup instant coffee (plus 2 quarts boiling water)	1 2-ounce jar instant coffee (4 quarts boiling water)
	Tea—1 teaspoon per cup plus one extra, or tea bags	¼ cup tea or 1 dozen tea bags	½ cup tea or 2 dozen tea bags
	Cocoa, hot chocolate	3 quarts	1½ gallons
Miscellaneous	*Mints*—about 65 patties per pound	½ pound	1 pound
	Salted nuts	½ to ¾ pound	1 to 1½ pounds
	Cranberry sauce	2 cups (½ pound) fresh cranberries or 2 No. 303 cans sauce	1 pound fresh cranberries or 3 to 4 No. 303 cans sauce
	Lettuce—for salad cups	2 large heads	4 large heads
	Rolls and butter or margarine	1½ to 2 dozen rolls, ¼ pound butter or margarine	3 to 3½ dozen rolls, ½ pound butter or margarine

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All Measurements Level. Measure into bowl:

2¾ cups sifted cake flour
1⅔ cups sugar
⅔ cup Crisco
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk

Mix thoroughly by hand or mixer (medium speed) for 2 minutes. Stir in:

4½ teaspoons double-acting baking powder*

Add:

⅓ cup milk • 5 egg whites • 1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix thoroughly by hand or mixer (medium speed) for 2 mins. Pour into two 9-inch layer pans (1½" deep) which have been rubbed with Crisco or lined with heavy waxed paper (for smaller pans, fill half full, bake cup cakes with remaining batter). Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 30 to 35 mins. Cool cake in pan on rack 15 mins. Before removing, loosen edges with spatula. Place rack over cake in pan; invert together. Cool and frost with:

CHOCOLATE FLUFF FROSTING

In top of double boiler combine: 1½ cups sugar, ¼ tsp. cream of tartar, ½ cup water, 2 egg whites, unbeaten. Set over bottom of double boiler containing boiling water, beat constantly with egg beater till frosting stands in peaks (about 7 mins.). Melt 3 sqs. chocolate. Cool, fold carefully into frosting. Frost cake between layers, on sides and top. Cut thin shavings from warm, unsweetened bar of chocolate to make "curls" on top of cake.

**With tartrate type use 5½ tsps.*

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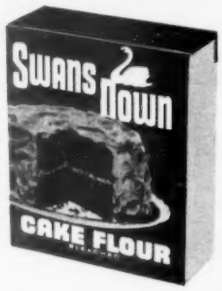

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2¼ cups sifted Swans Down Cake Flour
3¼ teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder
1 teaspoon salt **1½ cups sugar**
½ cup shortening (at room temperature)
1 cup milk **1½ teaspoons vanilla**
¼ teaspoon almond extract
4 egg whites, unbeaten
2 tablespoons finely cut maraschino cherries
¾ cup chopped nuts

Mixing. (Mix by hand or at a low speed of electric mixer. Count only actual beating time or beating strokes. Scrape bowl and spoon or beaters often.)

Measure sifted flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar into sifter. Place shortening in mixing bowl and stir just to soften. Sift in dry ingredients. Add ¾ cup of the milk and the flavorings. Mix until all flour is dampened. Then *beat 2 minutes* in mixer at a low speed or 300 vigorous strokes by hand. Add egg whites and remaining milk and *beat 1 minute* in mixer or 150 strokes by hand. Fold in cherries and nuts.

Baking. Pour batter into two round 8- or 9-inch layer pans which have been lined on bottoms with paper. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 25 to 30 minutes, or until done. Cool, then frost with seven-minute frosting. Garnish with plump maraschino cherries and twigs of pine branches.

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Cherry Peekaboo Rolls

Soften 2 packages active dry yeast or 2 cakes compressed yeast in ½ cup water.* Combine 1¼ cups scalded milk, ½ cup sugar, 6 tablespoons butter or margarine, and 2 teaspoons salt. Add softened yeast, 2 eggs, and 2 cups sifted enriched flour; beat very smooth. Add 5 to 5½ cups sifted enriched flour to make a soft dough. Turn out on lightly floured surface; knead until smooth and satiny.

Place in greased bowl, turning once to grease surface. Cover; let rise till double (1½ to 2 hours). Punch down. Roll ½ inch thick on lightly floured surface. Spread with 2 tablespoons soft butter or margarine; fold in half. Pinch edges of dough together; roll ½ inch thick. Brush with 2 tablespoons butter or margarine; roll ½ inch thick. Cut in 2½-inch circles; place on greased cooky sheet. Cover; let double (20 to 30 minutes). Depress center; fill with cherry preserves. Bake in hot oven (400°) about 15 minutes. Frost with confectioners'-sugar icing and sprinkle with slivered, toasted almonds.—*Mrs. Daniel Constant, El Paso, Texas.*

Holiday Sandwich Loaf

Sift together 1½ cups sifted enriched flour, 6 teaspoons baking powder, 1½ teaspoons salt. Stir in 1½ cups whole-wheat flour, ½ cup sugar, ½ cup chopped California walnuts, one 9-ounce can (1 cup) crushed pineapple, well drained, and ⅔ cup candied orange peel, finely chopped.

Combine 1 beaten egg, 1 cup milk, and 2 tablespoons melted shortening; add to dry ingredients, mixing just to moisten. Pour into greased 9½x5x3-inch pan. Bake in slow oven (325°) 1 hour, or till done. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool. Glaze with confectioners'-sugar icing. Trim with walnuts.—*Mrs. Burdette Boileau, Covina, California.*

Nut Crusty Twists

Soften 1 package active dry yeast or 1 cake compressed yeast in ¼ cup water.* Combine 1 cup scalded milk, ½ cup sugar, ½ cup shortening, and 1½ teaspoons salt; cool to lukewarm. Add softened yeast and 2 beaten eggs. Mix well. Stir in about 5 cups sifted enriched flour to make rather soft dough. Turn out on lightly floured surface; knead till smooth. Place in greased bowl; turn once to grease.

Cover; let double (about 1½ hours). Punch down. Roll dough in pencil-size strips, about 10 inches long. Dip in milk, then sugar; roll in chopped walnuts. Twist each into figure 8. Place on greased cooky sheet and let double. Bake in hot oven (400°) 15 minutes, or till done. Makes 3 dozen.—*Mrs. H. C. Harpster, Hiawatha, Kansas.*

*Soften active dry yeast in warm water; compressed yeast in lukewarm water.

Better Homes & Gardens PRIZE TESTED RECIPES

Sausage favorites

(MEATS)

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Sausage Platter Hawaiian

Wonderful flavor combination—and quick!—

1 pound sausage links
2 tablespoons water
8 pineapple slices, drained, cut in half
1 tablespoon cornstarch
½ teaspoon curry powder
Pineapple syrup plus water to make 1 cup
1⅓ cups packaged precooked rice
1½ cups water
½ teaspoon salt

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Place sausage and 2 tablespoons water in skillet. Cover; steam 5 minutes. Drain. Brown sausage and pineapple slices lightly in sausage fat, then remove. Blend cornstarch, curry powder, and syrup mixture; add to fat in skillet; cook, stirring constantly till thick. Combine rice, water, and salt in saucepan; bring quickly to a boil uncovered, fluffing rice gently with fork once or twice. Cover and remove from heat; allow to stand 10 minutes. Arrange sausage, pineapple, and rice on platter; pour sauce over rice. Makes 5 to 6 servings.—*Mrs. Rogene B. Huish, Berkeley, California.*

Sausage 'n Cheese Loaf

Good for cool days—a delicious, cheesy loaf—

- 1½ pounds bulk pork sausage
- 2 slightly beaten eggs
- ¾ cup fine cracker crumbs
- 1 cup diced process American cheese
- ⅓ cup milk
- ¼ cup chopped onion

Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Shape in loaf and place on shallow pan. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Place on platter; garnish with jelly-filled peach quarters. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Mrs. Bernard Hermann, Washington, Iowa

Tamale Casserole

- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon fat
- 1 pound bulk pork sausage
- 1 8-ounce can (1 cup) seasoned tomato sauce
- 1 12-ounce can (1½ cups) whole kernel corn
- ⅓ cup sliced stuffed olives
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 recipe Corn-bread Topper

Cook onion and garlic in hot fat till tender but not brown. Add sausage and break up with fork; brown. Drain off excess fat. Add tomato sauce, corn, olives, salt. Mix well. Place in 2-quart casserole. Make **Corn-bread Topper:** Sift together ½ cup sifted enriched flour, 2 tablespoons sugar, 2 teaspoons baking powder, and ¼ teaspoon salt. Stir in ½ cup yellow corn meal. Combine 1 beaten egg, ½ cup milk, and 2 tablespoons melted shortening. Add; beat till smooth. Pour over meat mixture. Bake in hot oven (400°) 35 minutes, or until top is brown. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Lynne Ledger, New York, New York

Apple-stuffed Sausage Roast

Cut in big, savory wedges—

- 1½ pounds bulk pork sausage
- 1½ cups chopped pared apples
- ½ cup chopped celery
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons minced parsley
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon dry mustard
- Dash pepper

Line bottom and sides of a 9-inch piepan with half the sausage; reserve other half for topping. Combine remaining ingredients; spread on sausage in pan. Shape remaining sausage in 9-inch patty on waxed paper; place on stuffing. Pinch edges of sausage layers together. Bake in moderate oven (375°) 1 hour. Drain. Serve with glazed apple slices. Makes 6 servings.

Adelaide Gibbs, Shoshoni, Wyoming

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Christmas breads

(BREADS)

Merry Christmas Wreath

- 1 package active dry yeast or 1 cake compressed yeast
- ¼ cup water
- 1 cup milk, scalded
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ cup shortening
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 well-beaten egg
- 3½ cups sifted enriched flour

Soften active dry yeast in *warm* water, compressed yeast in *lukewarm* water. Combine milk, sugar, shortening, salt. Cool to lukewarm. Add yeast and egg. Gradually stir in flour to form soft dough; beat vigorously. Cover; let rise in warm place till double, about 2 hours. Grease 10-inch ring mold; spread bottom with **Sugar-Fruit Topping:** Melt 2 tablespoons butter or margarine; add 2 tablespoons light corn syrup and ½ cup brown sugar. Place halved candied cherries, cut side up, and almonds on sugar mixture. Shape dough in small balls; roll in melted butter; place 2 rows deep in pan. Let double. Bake in hot oven (400°) 20 to 25 minutes. Loosen; turn out quickly. Serve with whipped butter.—*Mrs. H. R. Flemming, Madison, Wisconsin.*

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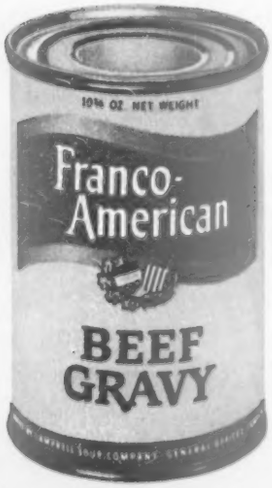

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Cut in ½ cup shortening with pastry-blender till mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

2 Now add ⅔ cup milk all at once; stir till dough follows fork around bowl. Dough should be soft, easy to handle.
For drop biscuits, increase the milk to 1 cup.

3 Turn dough onto lightly floured surface.
To knead, fold dough and press down gently with heel of hand 8 or 10 times. This will blend ingredients, assure fine texture, plump biscuits.

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4 Pat or roll dough ½ to 1 inch thick. Flour your cutter and cut out the biscuits.

The thinner biscuits will be crispy; the thicker ones will bake high and light.

5 Place the biscuits on an ungreased cooky sheet. If you put the biscuits close together in a pan with shallow sides, they will have crusty tops, soft sides.

If you like, brush the tops with top milk or light cream before you bake the biscuits.

6 If you place biscuits farther apart on cooky sheet without sides, they will have a golden-brown crust all over.

Bake in a very hot oven (450°) 10 to 12 minutes. Recipe makes 16 medium biscuits.

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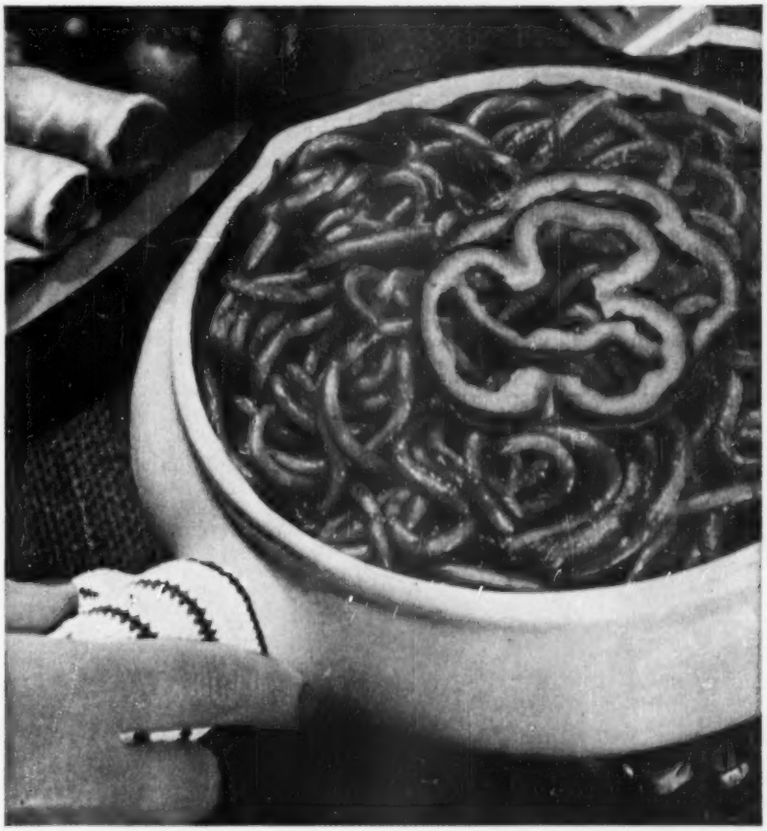
A BOY'S FAVORITE FOOD THAT THE MAN STILL LOVES



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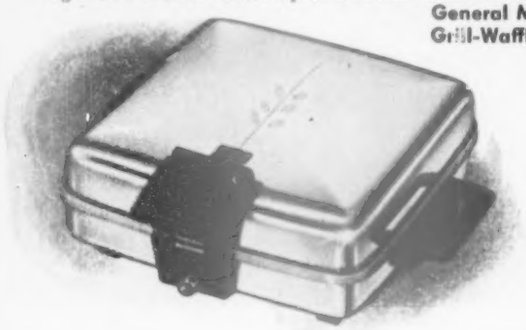

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To make 1 cup medium white sauce, you measure ½ cup mix into pan. Then add 1 cup cold milk or water; season with salt and pepper.

Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thick. For extra flavor, use tomato juice or stock as the liquid.

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Put into a bowl and let stand until needed . . .

½ cup Pet Evaporated Milk
16 marshmallows, finely cut
3 tbsps. orange juice or alcoholic flavoring

Put into a large bowl . . .

4 doz. 2½" graham crackers, rolled into fine crumbs
¼ tsp. cinnamon
¼ tsp. nutmeg
⅛ tsp. cloves
1 cup seedless raisins, preferably ½ cup dark and ½ cup light
½ cup dates, finely cut
¾ cup walnuts, broken
⅓ cup candied pineapple, finely cut*
⅓ cup candied cherries, finely cut*
2 tbsps. candied orange peel, finely cut*

Add milk mixture. *Mix* with spoon, then with hands till crumbs are moistened. *Press* firmly into pan. *Top* with fruit and nuts. *Cover* tightly. *Chill* 2 days before slicing. *Keep* in cool place. *Makes* one 2¼-pound fruit cake.

*In place of the candied fruits, you may use ¾ cup bulk or canned ready-mixed, cut-up candied fruit.

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Sweet tokens from your kitchen

Play Santa by making old-time favorites for the holidays. Dress up these treats; give them to your friends as personalized Christmas "cards." Save some for your own entertaining

By Anne Sonopol

Candied Orange Delights. Inside each orange cup is tasty fruit confection. Make sure oranges are giants! First cut off "lids," scoop out pulp with grapefruit knife, candy the shell and lids. Fill with the fruit mixture; roll in sugar. The orange shell makes its own package

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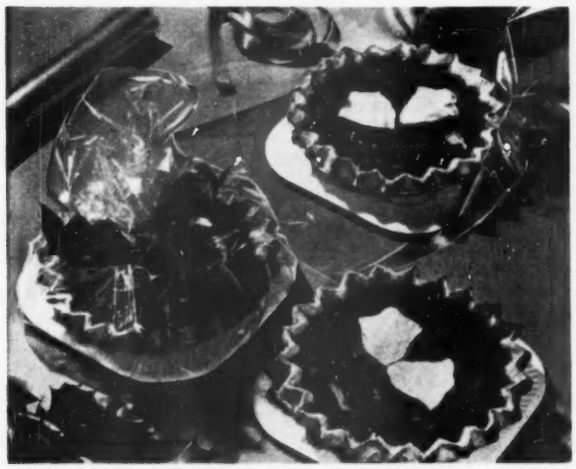
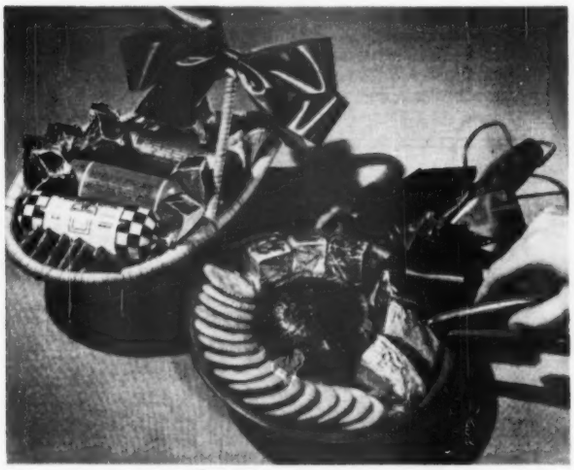
Frosty Sugar Cookies sport colorful ribbons so kiddies can take them home to hang on the Christmas tree. Before baking cookies, make a hole at top of each with wooden skewer or nutpick. When cool, spread with Confectioners'-sugar Frosting; doll them up with red cinnamon candies, candied cherries, and other candy decorations

Scramble is our favorite nibble food! Seasoned "just so," it's a mixture of extra-crispy, toasted cereals and nuts. And *so good*, you won't be able to stop after the first handful. Fill doily-lined cans (paint them yourself) and give as token gifts. Save some to pass around at holiday get-togethers, too. To store, pack, warm or cold, in cans



Little Mincemeat Pies boast two pastry bells to chime out holiday greetings. Bake pies in 6-inch aluminum foilware pans. Place each one—foil pan and all—on small paper plate; wrap in clear or colored cellophane, tie with bright jaunty bow. Tuck in fresh holly sprig



Cheese lovers will be delighted with this—perfect for uncle Jim, Smith family next door. Arrange assortment of little cheeses and crackers in a wooden snack server or unusual basket. As an extra, tuck in a few cheese spreaders. Add bow for flair. Wrap in cellophane

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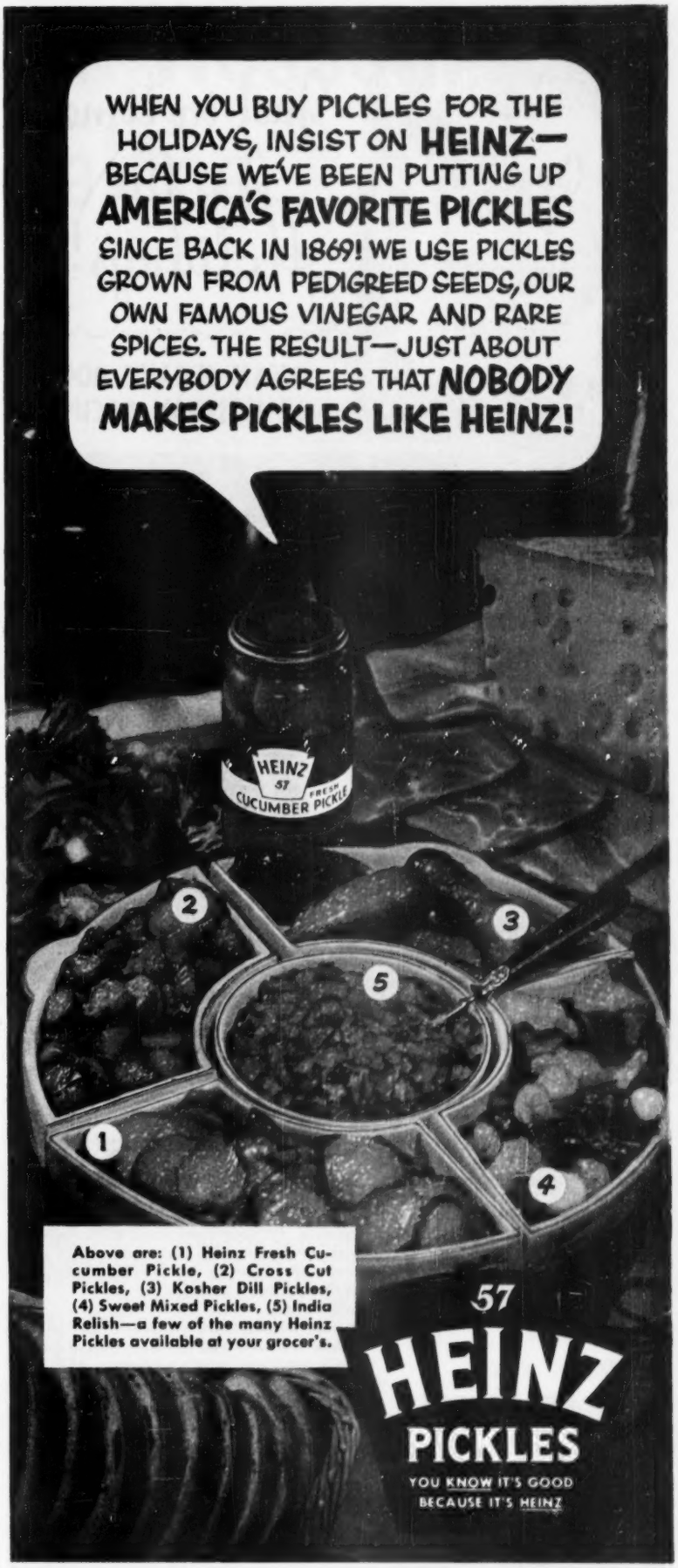

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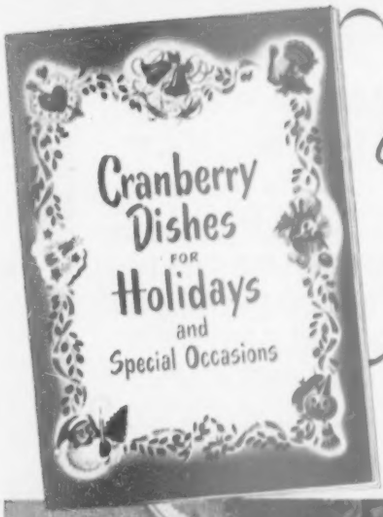

Just in time for the Holidays!

OCEAN SPRAY'S BOOK OF HOLIDAY RECIPES

One of the 31 holiday recipes in this book . . .

CHRISTMAS TREE OR CHRISTMAS PACKAGE SALADS

Put **1 envelope unflavored gelatine** in custard cup. Add **¼ cup cold water.** Let stand 2 minutes. Place cup in boiling water to dissolve gelatine. Add to **1 lb. can Ocean Spray Jellied Cranberry Sauce.** Stir well. Fold in **1 cup finely shredded cabbage, ¼ cup diced celery, ½ cup chopped walnuts.** To make trees, mold in cone-shaped paper drinking cups. Peel off paper. Pipe with cream cheese. To make "packages", mold in pan, cut in squares, "tie" with cream cheese or mayonnaise.

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Sweet tokens from your kitchen

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Candied Orange Delights

Little treasures you can store for good eating later on—

- 10 large oranges
- 6 cups sugar
- 6 cups water
- 1½ cups light corn syrup
- 2 teaspoons glycerin
- 1 cup seeded raisins
- ½ cup dried apricots
- ½ cup dried figs
- 1 cup pitted dates
- 6 candied cherries
- 1 cup California walnuts
- 3 tablespoons orange juice

Wash and cut off slice about ¼ way from top of each orange. Remove pulp with teaspoon or grapefruit knife, being careful not to break shell. Cover shells and top slices with cold salted water (1 teaspoon salt to each quart water). Bring to a boil; cook 5 minutes. Drain. Repeat the cooking two more times. Invert shells to drain on wire rack for an hour. Combine sugar, 6 cups water, corn syrup, and glycerin; bring to a boil. Add orange shells and top slices; cook till syrup reaches thread stage (230°). Lift oranges occasionally with fork to prevent sticking and burning. Let stand in syrup 8 hours or overnight. Reheat and cook 10 minutes. Drain. Put raisins, apricots, figs, dates, cherries, and nuts through food chopper, using coarse blade. Add enough orange juice to moisten. Fill orange shells with fruit mixture, cover with top slices. Roll the slightly warm oranges in sugar. Chill in covered container in refrigerator. To make 5 Candied Orange Delights, use ½ recipe.

Frosty Sugar Cookies

Good with just a sprinkle of sugar over the top, too—

Use ½ recipe cooky dough for Mincemeat Wonders, page 111. Omit filling. Divide dough in half; chill ½ hour. Roll half the dough ⅛ inch thick on lightly floured surface; keep other half chilled till ready to use. Cut in assorted shapes. With wood skewer or nutpick, puncture hole in top of each cooky so ribbon can be pulled through. Place on greased cooky sheet; bake in moderate oven (375°) 8 to 10 minutes. When cool, frost with Confectioners'-sugar Frosting; decorate with red cinnamon candies, candied cherries, candy decorettes, jelly strings, coconut. Pull short ribbons through; tie. Makes about 2 dozen. **Confectioners'-sugar Frosting:** Add enough top milk or cream to 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar to make of spreading consistency. Add dash salt and 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Little Mincemeat Pies

With prepared mincemeat, you can make pies with old-fashioned flavor in jig time—

- 4 cups prepared mincemeat or 2 9-ounce packages
- 4 cups pared, thinly sliced apples
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- Double recipe Plain Pastry

If packaged mincemeat is used, prepare as directed on package. Mix mincemeat, apples, lemon peel, and lemon juice; heat thoroughly. Spoon into four 6-inch pastry-lined aluminum foilware piepans. Top with two pastry-bell cutouts or other holiday designs. Bake in moderate oven (375°) about 40 minutes.

Scramble

Delicious! One recipe makes enough to give away in gift packages and to store for future treats. Or make only half recipe—

- 2 pounds mixed salted nuts
- 1 12-ounce package bite-size shredded-wheat squares
- 1 10½-ounce package crisp doughnut-shaped oat cereal
- 1 6½-ounce package bite-size crisp rice squares
- 1 6½-ounce can pretzel bits
- 1 5¼-ounce package slim pretzel sticks
- 2 cups salad oil
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon garlic salt
- 1 tablespoon seasoned salt

Mix all ingredients in very large roaster, tub, or on large sheet brown paper. Bake in very slow oven (250°) 2 hours, stirring and turning mixture with wooden spoon every 15 minutes (be careful not to crush cereals). Makes about 8 quarts.

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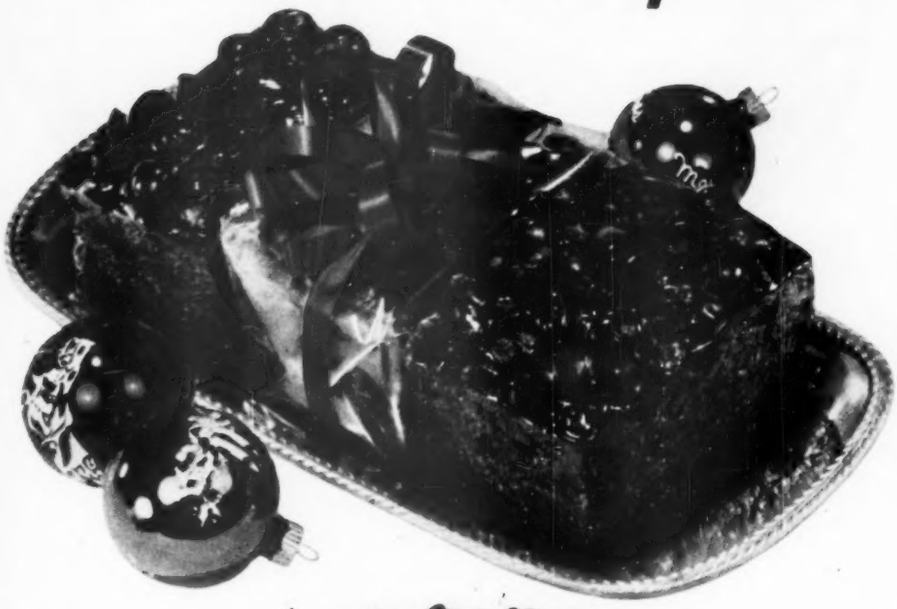
This is the quicker Wesson way to start holiday baking...



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Wesson Oil simplifies the method—brings out luscious fruit-nut flavor. *Heat oven to 275° (slow).*

Mix together:
- **1 cup Wesson Oil**
- **1½ cups brown sugar (packed in cup)**
- **4 eggs**

Beat vigorously with spoon or electric mixer for 2 minutes.

Sift together:
- **2 cups *sifted* Gold Medal all-purpose flour**
- ***1 teasp. double-action baking powder**
- ***2 teasp. salt**
- **2 teasp. cinnamon**
- **2 teasp. allspice**
- **1 teasp. cloves**

Stir into oil mixture alternately with... **1 cup pineapple, apple or orange juice**

Mix ..... **1 cup more *sifted* flour**

into:
- **1 cup thinly sliced citron**
- **1 cup chopped candied pineapple**
- **1½ cups whole candied cherries**
- **1 cup raisins**
- **1 cup chopped figs**
- **1 cup coarsely chopped Diamond® Walnuts**
- **2 cups coarsely chopped mixed nuts**

Pour batter over fruit, mixing thoroughly.
Line with brown paper 2 greased loaf pans, 8½ x 4½ x 2½-in. Pour batter into pans. Place a pan of water on lower oven rack. Bake cakes 2½ to 3 hours in slow oven (275°). After baking, let cakes stand 15 minutes before removing from pans. Cool thoroughly on racks without removing paper. When cool, remove paper. To insure freshness, seal in cellophane or heavy waxed paper with "Scotch" Cellophane Tape, then put in covered container in a cool place to ripen. For holiday gifts, add a decorative bow of "Sasheen" ribbon.

**When using Gold Medal Self-Rising Flour, omit baking powder and salt.*

MINCE PIE with STIR-N-ROLL CRUST

Recipe from the Betty Crocker Staff of General Mills

This exciting new recipe uses Wesson's time-saving ability. And 9 out of 10 women say, "Even a *beginner* can make good pie crust the Stir-N-Roll way." You *stir* everything together. No guessing about the correct amount of liquid. And you *roll* out the pastry between waxed paper — no messy board to clean up.

Heat oven to 425°. For double crust, mix together:
- **2 cups *sifted* Gold Medal all-purpose flour**
- ***1½ teaspoons salt**

Pour into one measuring cup (but don't stir together):
- **½ cup Wesson Oil**
- **¼ cup cold whole milk**

Then pour all at once into flour. Stir until mixed. Press with hands into smooth ball. Cut in halves; flatten halves slightly.
Place one half between 2 sheets of waxed paper (12-inch square). Roll out gently until circle reaches edges of paper. (Waxed paper will not slip while rolling pastry if table top is slightly damp). Peel off top paper. If dough tears, mend without moistening by pressing edges together, or press a scrap over tear.
Lift paper and pastry by top corners; they will cling together. Place (paper side up) in 9-inch pie pan. Carefully peel off paper. Gently ease and fit pastry into pan. Add mincemeat filling. Trim crust even with rim.
TOP CRUST: Roll as above and place over filling. Trim to rim. Seal by pressing gently with fork or by fluting edge. Snip 3 or 4 small slits near center. Bake about 40 minutes in hot oven (425°) until golden brown.

**If you use Gold Medal Self-Rising Flour, omit salt. Bake 50 min. at 375°.*

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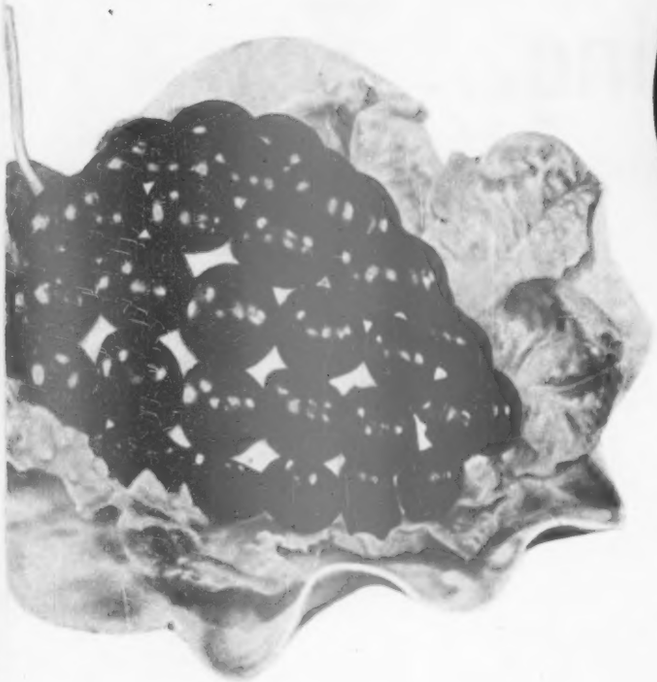

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Entertaining ideas all from a cream cheese

"PHILLY" HOLLANDAISE ON BROCCOLI

CHOCOLATE "PHILLY" FROSTING

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6 level tablespoons Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese
1 tablespoon milk
2½ cups sifted confectioners' sugar
1 square unsweetened chocolate, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla
Dash of salt

Blend the cream cheese and the milk. Add the sugar gradually, blending it in well. Add the slightly cooled melted chocolate, the vanilla and salt. Blend well.

HOLLYWOOD CHEESECAKE

18 zwieback, rolled (or 1½ cups zwieback crumbs)
3 tablespoons Parkay Margarine or butter
2 tablespoons sugar

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2 ½-lb. pkgs. Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese
½ cup sugar
⅛ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 eggs

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1 cup thick sour cream
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
Red and green maraschino cherry flowers

Blend the zwieback crumbs with the margarine or butter and 2 tablespoons of sugar; press onto the bottom of a 9-inch spring pan. Bake in a slow oven, 300°, for 5 minutes. Cool.

Blend the cream cheese, softened at room temperature, with the ½ cup of sugar, cinnamon, ½ teaspoon of vanilla, grated lemon rind and lemon juice. Add the egg yolks, one at a time, mixing well after each yolk is added. Fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites, and pour the mixture on top of the crumbs. Bake in a slow oven, 300°, 45 minutes.

Blend the sour cream with the tablespoon of sugar and 1 teaspoon of vanilla. Spread this mixture over the top of the cake. Return to the oven for an additional 10 minutes. Cool before removing the rim of the pan. Do not invert. Garnish with cherry flowers.

ANCHOVY-CELERY COCKTAIL DIP

½-lb. pkg. Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese
½ teaspoon whole celery seed
2 teaspoons minced onion
Dash of paprika
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 teaspoons anchovy paste
2 tablespoons cream

Cream the cheese until smooth. Add the remaining ingredients and blend until fluffy. Serve with potato chips or crackers.

"PHILLY" HOLLANDAISE ON BROCCOLI

2 eggs
½-lb. pkg. Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese
2½ tablespoons lemon juice
Dash of salt
Hot cooked broccoli

Add the eggs, one at a time, to the cream cheese, blending thoroughly after each addition. Add the lemon juice and salt. Place in the top of a double boiler over hot water (not boiling). Cook, stirring constantly until the sauce is thick and fluffy. Serve on broccoli.

LEMON-CHOCOLATE "PHILLY" FUDGE

Chocolate "Philly" Fudge

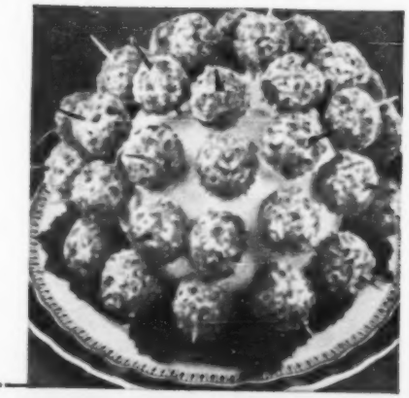
6 level tablespoons Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese
2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
2 1-oz. squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
¼ teaspoon vanilla
Dash of salt

Place the cream cheese in a bowl and cream it until soft and smooth. Slowly blend the sugar into it. Add the melted chocolate. Mix well. Add the vanilla and salt and mix until well blended. Press into a well greased shallow pan to the depth of ½ inch. Place in the refrigerator until firm (about 15 minutes).

Lemon Stick "Philly" Fudge

6 level tablespoons Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese
2½ cups sifted confectioners' sugar
¼ cup crushed lemon stick candy
Salt

Place the cream cheese in a bowl and cream it until soft and smooth. Slowly blend the sugar into it. Add the crushed lemon stick candy and the salt and mix well. Spread this Lemon Stick "Philly" Fudge on top of the chilled Chocolate "Philly" Fudge. Place the Lemon-Chocolate "Philly" Fudge in the refrigerator until firm (about 15 minutes). Cut into squares.



BURNING BUSH

Dried beef
½-lb. pkg. Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese
Grapefruit, or large red apple

Chop the dried beef very fine. Divide the cream cheese into 32 cubes, then roll each cube into a ball, on butter paddles. Toss each ball in the chopped beef until entirely coated. Put a toothpick through each ball, and stick onto a grapefruit, or large apple.

PHILADELPHIA BRAND CREAM CHEESE RECIPES

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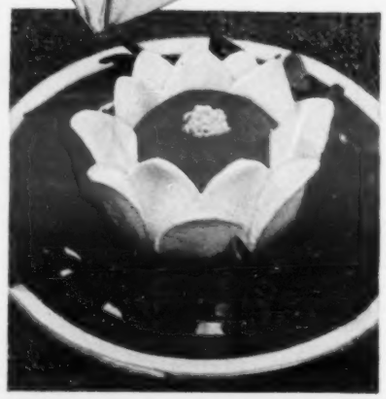


TOMATO ROSE SALAD

Firm tomatoes	Hard-cooked egg yolk
Milk	Watercress
Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese	Miracle French Dressing

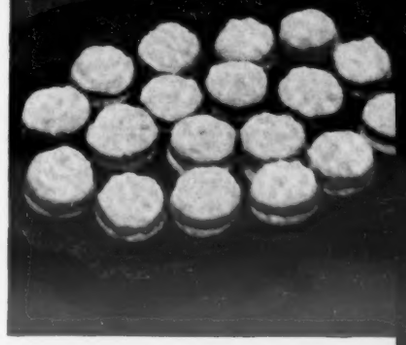
Peel tomatoes and chill them. Blend a small amount of milk into the cream cheese. Form two rows of petals on each tomato by pressing level teaspoons of the cheese against the side of the tomato, then drawing the teaspoon down with a curving motion. Sprinkle the center of each tomato with hard-cooked egg yolk pressed through a strainer. Serve on crisp watercress with French dressing.

LEMON CREAM CHEESE TARTS

3 eggs	½-lb. pkg. Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese
¾ cup sugar	6 4-inch baked tart shells
½ cup lemon juice	Red currant jelly
2 teaspoons grated lemon rind	

Beat the eggs in the top of a double boiler until thick and fluffy. Continue beating while gradually adding the sugar, lemon juice, and lemon rind. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly until the custard is thick and smooth. Cool.

Soften the cream cheese at room temperature and gradually blend the custard into it. Fill the tart shells with this mixture and top with red currant jelly.



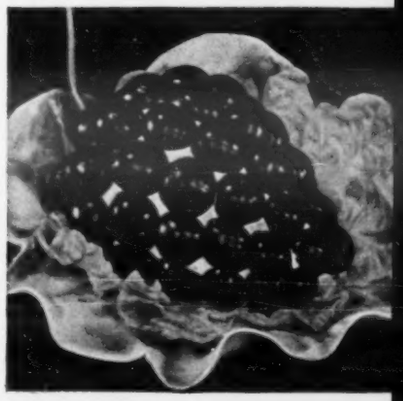
DEVILED HAM PUFFS

½-lb. pkg. Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese	1 egg yolk
1 teaspoon onion juice	Salt
½ teaspoon baking powder	24 small bread rounds
	2 2¼-oz. cans deviled ham

Blend together the cheese, onion juice, baking powder, egg yolk and salt to taste.

Toast the bread rounds on one side. Spread the untoasted sides with deviled ham, and cover each with a mound of the cheese mixture.

Place on a cookie sheet and bake in a moderate oven, 375°, for 10 to 12 minutes, or until puffed and brown. Serve hot.



GRAPE CLUSTER SALAD

Pear halves	Milk
Bibb lettuce	Tokay grapes
Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese	Miracle French Dressing

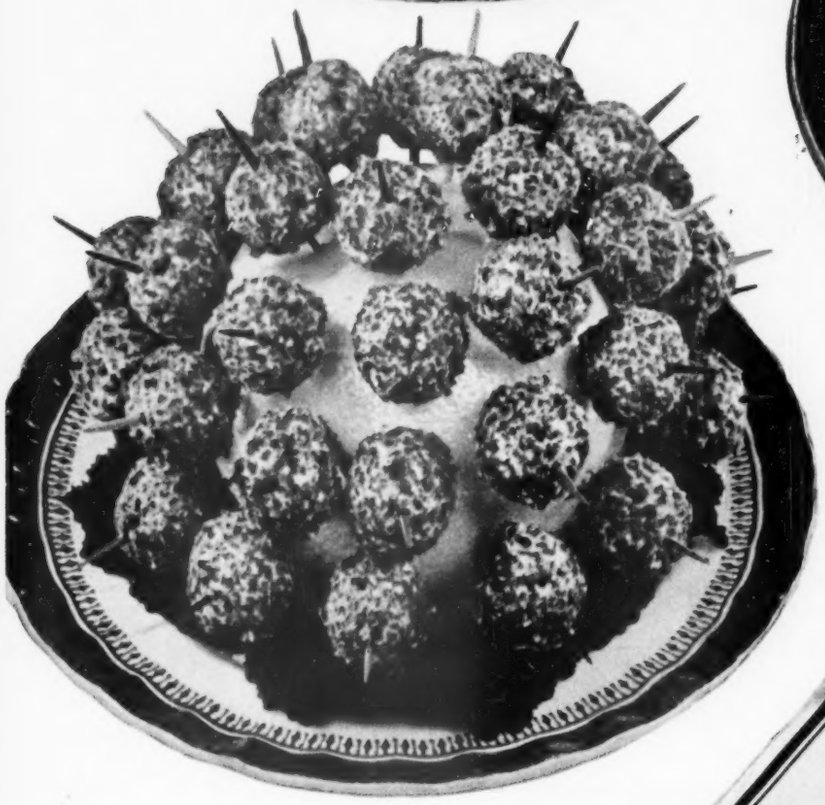
Place each pear half, round side up, on a bed of lettuce. Slightly soften the cream cheese with milk, and spread it over each pear half. Cut grapes in half, remove the seeds, and cover the pears with the grape halves to resemble bunches of grapes. Place a bit of grape stem in the large end of each pear. Serve with Miracle French Dressing.

LILY SANDWICHES

White bread	Carrot strips
Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese	Parsley stems

Cut thinly sliced fresh bread into 2¾-inch rounds. Roll each round with a rolling pin to remove the "spring" of the bread. Spread each round with cheese, softened at room temperature, and place a carrot strip in the center to represent the stamen. Fold over at one edge to form a lily and pinch together to hold in place. Put a parsley stem in the end of each lily, to represent the stem.

11 wonderful recipes here →



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Quick hot breads from a bakery loaf

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Honey Triangles, Fold-ups

Remove crusts from bread. For triangles, spread bread with butter or margarine. Broil till crusty.

Fold-ups: Butter the slices. Sprinkle lightly with grated cheese. Fasten opposite corners together with a toothpick. Bake in very hot oven (450°) 10 minutes. Serve with soup or salad.

Nippy Cheese Strips

Toasted finger-size strips are a crisp, colorful companion for salad meals. Mix a sharp spreading cheese with butter or margarine. Remove crusts from bread slices; spread; cut in strips. (You can fix ahead and chill till time to bake.) Bake in moderate oven (350°) 10 minutes

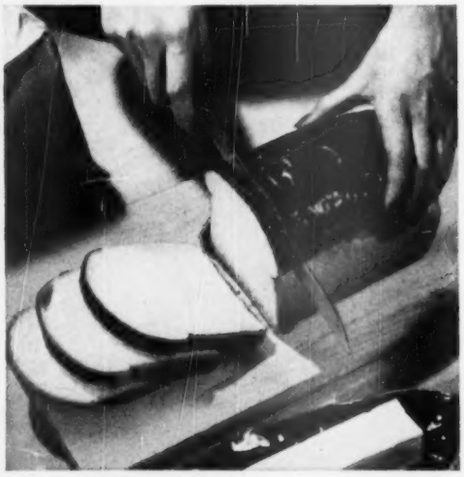
You can do more with a loaf of bread than stack a few slices in front of the family at mealtime. These quick hot breads taste so good they double for fancy rolls, dress up a meal without the fuss of baking. They all start with a loaf from the bakery or store. You spread bread slices with soft butter or margarine, then add a sweet topping or a snappy touch of cheese or garlic.

Whether you're planning an evening snack, company meal during the holidays or any time, or a family supper, there's an idea for you. See the pictures.

Garlic Bread Squares

Hot crusty cubes have a subtle touch of garlic. Cut unsliced loaf of bread into 2-inch cubes. Mix thoroughly ¼ garlic clove, minced, and ¼ cup butter or margarine. Spread this mixture on outside of cubes. Place cubes on cooky sheet. Bake in very hot oven (450°) 10 minutes

Fragrant loaf bread



Fragrant loaf bread looks and smells like a loaf of fresh, homemade bread after you use this quick and easy trick.

Brush crust of an unsliced loaf with butter or margarine, place in a paper bag. Heat in moderate oven (350°) 15 minutes.

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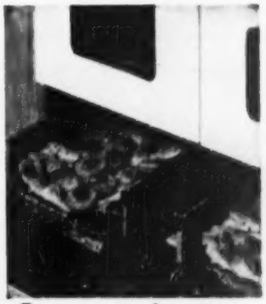

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Holiday Treats

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California Shortcake. We think this is one of the merriest, tastiest treats we've seen in many a happy holiday season. And the best part is, it takes so little time. Just a rich, dark ginger bread, mixed in minutes with Betty Crocker* Ginger Bread Mix. Whipped Cream. And gay fruit cocktail, drained and arranged. Think of it. Cling peaches, pears, grapes, pineapple, cherries—all neatly cut, instantly ready.

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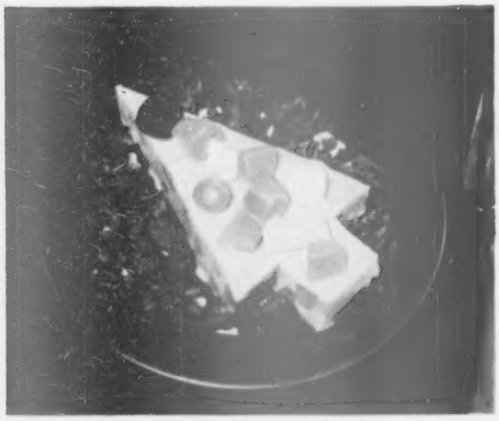
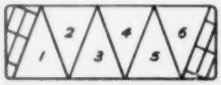


Christmas Tree Salads. Soften 2 (3-oz.) packages cream cheese with fork. Blend in ½ teaspoon grated orange rind, juice of 1 orange, 1½ cups drained fruit cocktail. Freeze until barely firm in tray of refrigerator set at lowest temperature. Cut trees as diagram illustrates. Cut tree trunks from odd-shaped end pieces. Serve on greens. Garnish with fruit cocktail. Serves 6.



What are your favorite Fruit Cocktail Treats? Fruit cocktail is so handy it's no wonder most good cooks have several prized recipes. If you have one you believe deserves a place in our collection of the nation's best, won't you mail us a copy? For each original recipe our kitchen staff selects, we'll pay $5.00. Cling Peach Advisory Board, Dept. 101, 350 Sansome Street, San Francisco 4, California.

Canned Fruit Cocktail from California

Betty

"Fruit Cocktail and Ginger Bread make a Christmasy Shortcake" says Betty Crocker

"Isn't fruit cocktail a wonderful thing to have around the house near Christmas? I like to serve it, don't you, as a first course for Christmas dinner and in sparkling holiday salads and just to eat by the fire when folks get hungry.

"There's something about the bright color and luscious flavor of fruit cocktail—with its golden cling peaches, crisp pears, tangy, rich pineapple, seedless grapes, and gay red cherries—that just makes me feel like Christmas.

"It's so quick and easy, too—I suspect women all over America are stocking up for the holidays with big cans of festive fruit cocktail for Christmas and New Year dinners and all the gay parties in between.

"And I do hope lots of you will try the Holiday Quick Treat we've planned in our Betty Crocker kitchens—we call it a California Shortcake! It's so quick you can make it any time guests drop in—just ginger bread made with my Betty Crocker Ginger Bread Mix and whipped cream and drained Fruit Cocktail.

"California Shortcake's a fine thing for Christmas Eve, when the folks come in to trim the tree. Pretty special after carol singing or for dessert for Christmas dinner.

"My Ginger Bread is so rich and dark and homey—sort of tastes like Christmas. Good things go into it—dark, iron-rich molasses, the finest spices. There's nothing to add but water. And you're sure of getting a perfect Ginger Bread every single time you bake.

Don't Forget Ginger Bread Men

"There's a Rolled Cooky recipe on every package of Betty Crocker Ginger Bread Mix that's just the thing for your ginger bread men. Let the children make their own—they're easy. And fruit cocktail's a fine thing to dress them up—peaches for the eyes, red cherries for buttons. Do make plenty, to hang on the tree.

"Hot Ginger Bread is a heart-warmer for Christmas breakfast, too. A good thing to serve with coffee when folks drop in to see the tree.

"And now . . . I do hope I've given you a Christmas thought or two. How about putting Betty Crocker Ginger Bread Mix high on your holiday shopping list? And

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Having an open house or a small, friendly get-together? Then a cheese-and-fruit tray is just the thing.

Take a look at the cover picture to see how beautiful, yet simple, a cheese tray can be. The round basket is centered with a bright red Edam. (Cut the stars from its waxy coat with a tiny star cutter, replace them sunny side up!) The hefty wedge in front is robust-flavored blue cheese. Colorful winter fruits complete the circle around border of the basket.

Now look at the sharp spreading cheese in its earthenware crock (a good keeper) there on the wooden cutting board. Set out crackers, slices of "icebox" rye.

To please the hungry small fry—big folks, too—include a choice of Christmas cookies. On the next page you'll find recipes for the plump Mincemeat Wonders (center of tray) and the cheery Kris Kringles.

Lots of advantages to the cheese tray—mighty good eating, easy, *easy* entertaining. Then too, it gives you a chance to share those tempting gift cheeses.

Tips for entertaining tray a la cheese

▸ Offer both mild and sharp cheeses (one or two of each). Choose natural or process types.

MILD American cheese (Cheddar), cream cheese, Swiss, Gouda, Edam, Camembert, brick, cottage cheese, Gruyère, mild-type spreading cheeses.

SHARPER aged American cheese (aged Cheddar), blue or Roquefort, Liederkranz, smoke- or bacon-flavored spreading cheese, chive or pimiento cream cheese, Brie, Chantelle, Gorgonzola; sharp-tasting cheese dips as blue cheese with cream cheese. [*More on next page*

Use them sliced, chopped, grated, ground—for pies, cakes, cookies, candies, toppings, salads and main course dishes.

SMART HOLIDAY IDEA

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▶ Serve one or more hard or firm cheeses, as American, Swiss, Edam; also one or more soft types, as spreading cheese, dips, Camembert, cream cheese.

▶ Remove cheeses (except cottage or cream) from refrigerator several hours before serving time. This is especially important for types like Camembert which are their flavorful best when soft.

▶ Include a selection of holiday fruits—apples, pears, oranges, avocados, grapes. Also a choice of crisp crackers.

▶ Other delicious go-withs: potato chips, thin slices of dark bread or Melba toast, salted nuts, cookies. And don't forget lots of hot coffee!

▶ Slice American cheese thick or thin, or cut in wedges or cubes; slice Swiss cheese rather thick. Serve cream cheese in wedges, "blocks"; or as a dip, seasoned and whipped.

Mincemeat Wonders

Kiddies, and grownups, too, will like the sweet orange-mincemeat filling—

- 1⅓ cups shortening
- 1½ cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 4 cups sifted enriched flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 to 3 tablespoons milk

Thoroughly cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs; beat until light and fluffy. Mix in vanilla and orange peel. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt; stir into creamed mixture along with milk. Divide in half. Chill. Roll dough ⅛ inch thick on lightly floured surface and cut with 2¾-inch cutter. Cut small Christmas tree in centers of half the cookies. Place 2 teaspoons filling on each plain cooky. Top with a cut-out cooky; press edges with fork. Bake in moderate oven (375°) about 12 minutes. Makes about 2 dozen double-deckers. **Mincemeat Filling:** Break mincemeat from one 9-ounce package into pieces. Add 2 teaspoons grated orange peel, 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel, ½ cup orange juice, ¼ cup lemon juice, and 2 tablespoons sugar. Heat and stir until lumps are broken. Simmer 1 minute. Cool; add ¼ cup chopped maraschino cherries and ¼ cup chopped California walnuts.

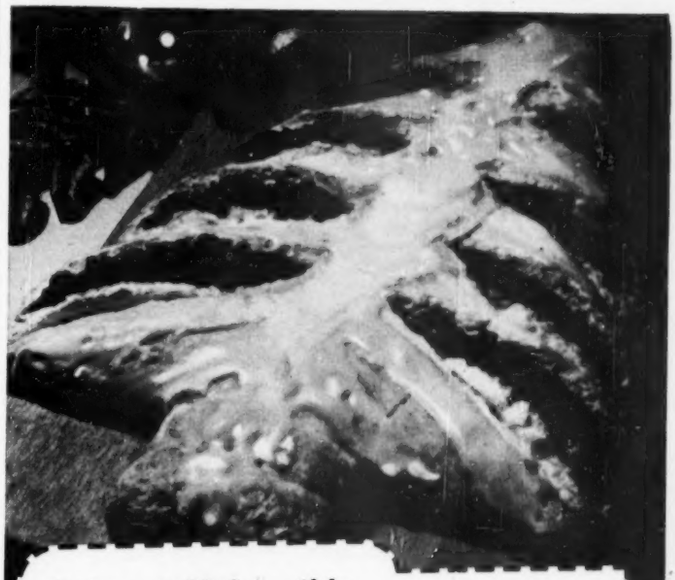
Kris Kringles

Each cooky has a bright cherry topknot—

- ½ cup shortening
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 beaten egg yolk
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 cup sifted cake flour
- Dash salt
- 1 slightly beaten egg white
- ½ cup finely chopped California walnuts
- Candied cherries

Thoroughly cream shortening and sugar; add egg yolk, orange and lemon peel, and lemon juice. Beat thoroughly. Stir in flour and salt. Chill until firm. Form small balls about ½ inch in diameter. Dip in egg white and roll lightly in nuts. Place on greased cooky sheet; press half a candied cherry in center of each. Bake in slow oven (325°) about 20 minutes. Makes 1½ dozen.

Christmas Tree Fruit Bread



Calumet Makes this Quick Bread Holiday-Light!

FOR THE FILLING:
- ⅓ cup chopped raisins
- ¼ cup chopped candied cherries
- ¼ cup chopped citron
- ⅓ cup sugar
- ⅓ cup boiling water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

FOR THE BISCUIT DOUGH:
- 2 cups sifted Swans Down Cake Flour
- 2½ teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 5 tablespoons shortening
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- ⅓ cup light cream (about)

Note: No special pan needed with this simple recipe. Just follow it exactly and *see* how lusciously light Calumet Baking Powder makes the rich biscuit dough. Then always depend on Calumet Baking Powder for that same wonderful lightness, in biscuits, cakes, muffins and other favorites. For Calumet lifts and lightens in the mixing bowl AND in the oven as well, insuring baking success. Twice as many women count on Calumet as any other baking powder. Your best bet is Calumet too.

To make the filling: Combine ingredients for filling in order given. Cook and stir over low heat until sugar is melted and mixture is blended. Cool.

To make the biscuit dough: Measure sifted flour, add baking powder, salt, and sugar, and sift again. Cut in shortening. Add lemon rind. Combine egg and cream, add to flour mixture, and stir only until soft dough is formed (20 strokes). Turn out on lightly floured board and knead 20 turns.

To make the tree: Divide dough in half and roll each half into a tree-shaped piece, ⅛ inch thick. Trim off a narrow strip from base of each triangle to be used for the base of tree; cut each strip in half.

Place one of the triangles on greased baking sheet. Fasten 2 of the strips at bottom to resemble tree trunk. Spread filling evenly over entire tree, almost to edges; moisten edges. Place second triangle and remaining 2 strips on top and press edges together. Cut 4 slits on each side of tree; twist so filling shows, to resemble branches.

Bake in hot oven (400°F.) 20 minutes. If desired, dribble with confectioners' sugar glaze while bread is warm. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

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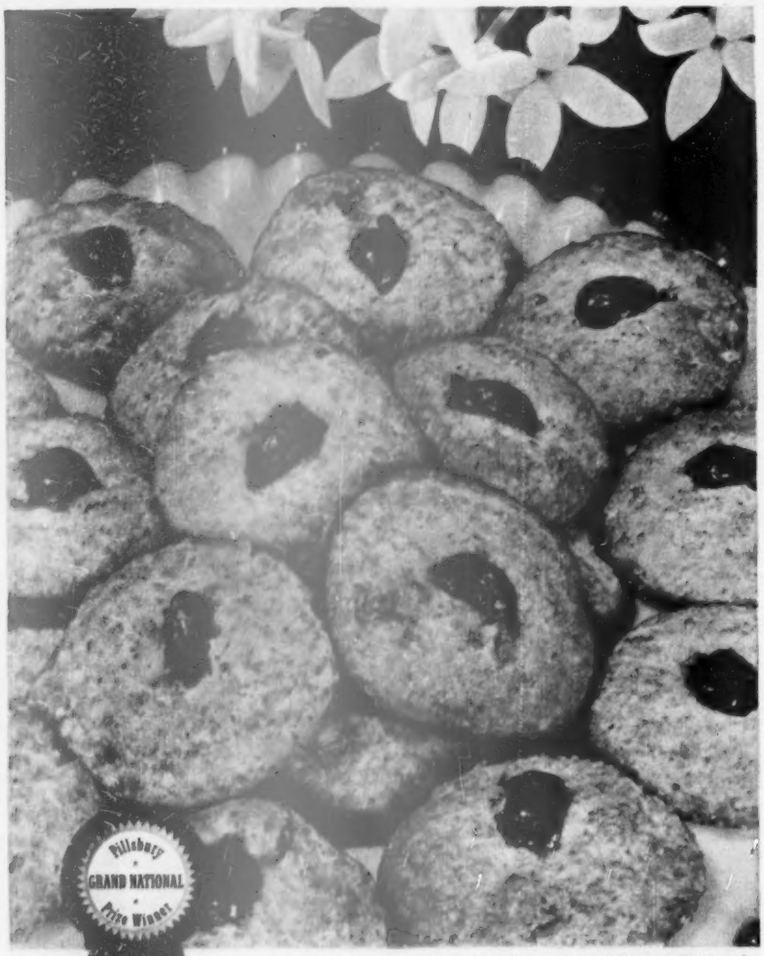

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1 tsp. double-acting baking powder
½ tsp. soda
½ tsp. salt
¾ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
2 tbs. milk
1 tsp. French's Vanilla Extract
1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup chopped dates
½ cup chopped maraschino cherries
Extra cherries for decorating
2½ cups cornflakes, crushed

Sift together dry ingredients. Combine shortening and sugar, cream well. Add eggs, milk, vanilla. Blend in dry ingredients; mix well. Add pecans, dates, chopped cherries. Mix well. Shape into balls using a level tablespoon of dough for each cookie. Roll each ball of dough in cornflakes. Place on greased baking sheet. Top each cookie with ¼ maraschino cherry. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 10 to 12 minutes. Do not stack or store until cold. Yield: approximately 5 dozen cookies.

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Snowcaps **for hamburger pie. Three cups of leftover mashed potatoes will make six generous-size Snowcaps. Add 1 beaten egg to the potatoes; blend. Spoon mounds onto hamburger pie or any meat casserole. Brush tops with butter or margarine, if desired. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 20 to 30 minutes, or till peaks brown**

Potato Patties

To 2 cups leftover mashed potatoes, add 1 slightly beaten egg yolk, 2 tablespoons minced onion, salt, and pepper. Mix well.

Shape into 6 patties. Dip in flour; then brown in hot fat—slowly so patties will have a delicious brown glazed crust.

Crusty Potato Balls

Use same ingredients as for patties above. Shape in balls; roll in egg white, then in fine bread or cornflake crumbs.

Fry in skillet or bake in very hot oven (450°).

mashed potatoes!

Potato-Cheese Puffs

To serve six, beat 2½ cups mashed potatoes with a little cream. Heat mixture over hot water. Fill custard cups half full.

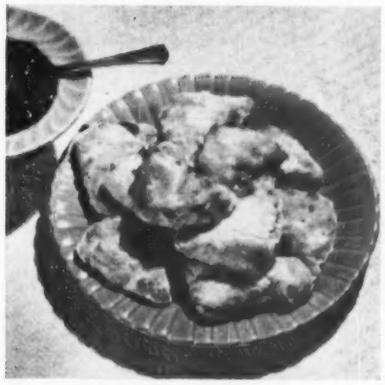
Make nest in each; drop in egg. Fill cups with potatoes. Sprinkle tops with 1 cup grated cheese.

Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 15 minutes.

Potato-Chicken Souffle

It's a delicious return for mashed potatoes — a souffle that puffs high and golden! Recipe's below.

Add a buttered green vegetable, a fruit salad, a sundae dessert — and supper's all planned.



Hot Scones

A cup of mashed potatoes becomes 2½ dozen fresh-from-the-oven scones, to be eaten hot with strawberry preserves.

You cut the leftover mashed potatoes into dry ingredients with pastry-blender. See recipe.

Hot Scones

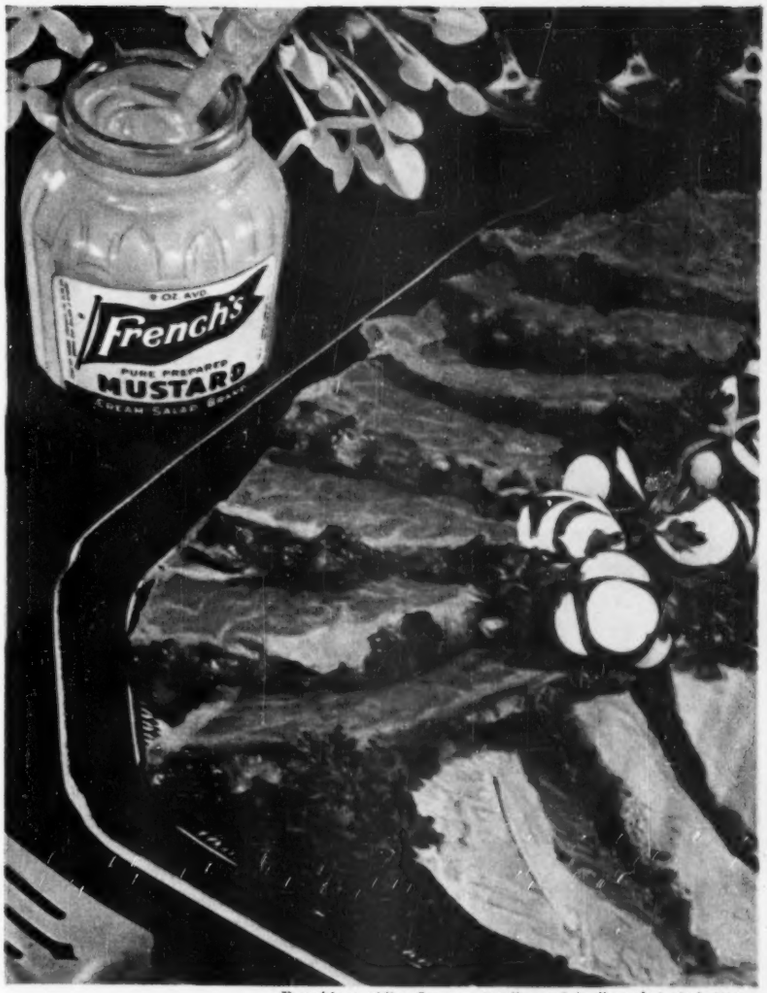
- 1½ cups sifted enriched flour
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 tablespoons shortening
- 1 cup leftover mashed potatoes
- 1 beaten egg
- ¼ cup milk

Sift flour, salt, baking powder; cut in shortening and potatoes with pastry-blender. Add egg and milk all at once; mix just till dough follows fork. Roll or pat to ⅜ inch on lightly floured surface. Cut 2-inch squares; halve for triangles. Bake in very hot oven (450°) about 15 minutes. Makes about 2½ dozen.

Potato-Chicken Souffle

- 3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- 1 cup milk
- ¾ cup chicken broth or gravy
- 2 tablespoons grated onion
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- 1 cup chopped cooked chicken
- 1 cup leftover mashed potatoes
- 3 beaten egg yolks
- 3 stiff-beaten egg whites

Cook tapioca in liquids about 10 minutes, stirring. Add onion, seasonings, chicken, and potatoes. Add egg yolks; mix well. Fold in egg whites. Pour into 1½-quart baking dish. Bake in pan of hot water in moderate oven (350°) until set, 1 to 1¼ hours. Makes 6 servings.



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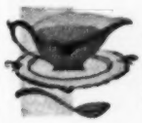
1 teaspoon mayonnaise

Combine ham, peanut butter, dill seed and paprika. Blend in mustard and mayonnaise. Allow to stand in refrigerator several hours. Yield: ⅔ cup. Use as canapé or sandwich spread.



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Melt jelly over low heat. Slowly blend in mustard. Mix well. Serve hot with slices of ham and turkey. Equally delicious with sliced pork, lamb, tongue or chicken.

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1 cup ground ham
1 tablespoon horseradish or chopped pickle
1 tablespoon French's Prepared Mustard
1 tablespoon mayonnaise

Combine all ingredients. Mix together thoroughly, using sufficient mayonnaise for a smooth consistency. Yield: approximately 1 cup.

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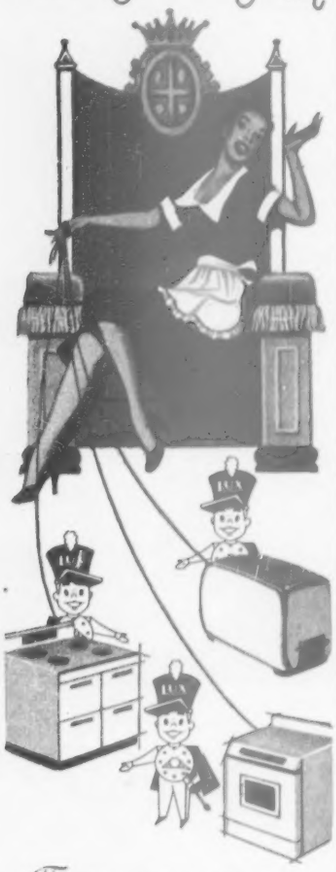

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Candy-cane capers

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Santa's Chocolate

Serve in big mugs. For fun, stir with candy canes—

- 2 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate
- 1 cup hot water
- 3 to 4 tablespoons sugar
- Dash salt
- 3 cups milk
- ¼ teaspoon peppermint extract

Melt chocolate in the hot water in double boiler. Add sugar and salt; heat to boiling over direct heat, stirring constantly. Place over boiling water; add milk gradually and heat thoroughly. Add peppermint extract. Beat with rotary beater just before serving. For muddlers, use little peppermint candy canes. Makes 6 servings.

Pistachio Ice Cream

Delicate, and oh so pretty! You'll like it—creamy with crunchy nuts, too—

- 1 rennet tablet
- 1 tablespoon cold water
- 1 cup light cream
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Few drops green food coloring
- ¼ teaspoon pistachio flavoring
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- ½ cup chopped pistachio nuts

Crush rennet tablet in cold water; dissolve. Combine light cream and sugar. Heat slowly until comfortably *warm, but not hot.* Stir in rennet tablet. Add vanilla, food coloring, and pistachio flavoring. Stir quickly for a *few seconds only.* Pour into refrigerator tray and let stand at room temperature until set, about 10 minutes. Freeze firm. Break in chunks. Beat with electric beater till smooth.* Fold in the whipped cream and nuts. Return to cold tray; freeze till firm. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

*Or freeze mixture till partially frozen. Beat smooth with rotary beater.

Candy-stick Ice Cream

Party pink—extra gala, served along with green Pistachio Ice Cream—

- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup crushed peppermint stick candy
- ¼ pound (16) marshmallows
- Dash salt
- 2 cups heavy cream, whipped

Scald milk over hot water; add ½ cup crushed candy, marshmallows, and salt. Stir till dissolved. Remove from heat. Cool. Pour into large refrigerator tray. Freeze till firm; break in chunks. Beat with electric beater till smooth.* Fold in remaining candy and whipped cream. Return to cold tray; freeze till firm. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

*Or freeze mixture till partially frozen. Beat smooth with rotary beater.

Popcorn Balls

It just isn't Christmas without these!—

- 5 quarts popped corn
- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup light corn syrup
- 1½ cups water
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Keep popcorn hot and crisp in slow oven (300° to 325°). Combine sugar, corn syrup, water, salt, and vinegar. Cook to hard-ball stage (250°). Add vanilla. Pour syrup slowly over popcorn; mix well to coat every kernel. Press in balls. Use fat on hands if necessary. Makes 15 to 20 balls.

Emerald Mallows

Quick as St. Nick! Let the children make these—

- Few drops green food coloring
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 cup shredded coconut, cut in short pieces
- ¼ pound (16) marshmallows
- 3 tablespoons hot milk

Add a few drops of food coloring to water. Add coconut and toss with fork to mix. Dip marshmallows in milk and roll in tinted coconut. Dry on rack. Makes 16.

Stuffed Dates

Old-time favorite—good for children—

Fill the centers of pitted dates with nuts, marshmallow pieces, candied fruit, or vanilla-flavored fondant. Roll in powdered or granulated sugar if desired.

Coconut Trees

Christmasy and dainty. No cooking! Ready to eat in minutes!—

- ¼ cup melted butter or margarine
- 2¼ cups sifted confectioners' sugar
- ¼ cup evaporated milk
- 2 cups shredded coconut
- Few drops green food coloring
- 1 drop oil of cinnamon
- Red cinnamon candies

Combine butter and sugar. Add evaporated milk, coconut, food coloring, and flavoring. Mix well and shape into peaks resembling Christmas trees. Set on waxed paper and let stand till firm, about 10 minutes. Decorate with cinnamon-candy "lights." Makes 10 to 12.

Crystal-cut Candies

Fill your candy jar with these. They look professional!—

- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup light corn syrup
- ½ cup water
- Dash salt
- Few drops red or green food coloring
- 1 drop oil of cinnamon or oil of wintergreen

Combine sugar, syrup, water, salt; bring to a boil. Cook to hard-crack stage (290°). Stir in food coloring and flavoring. (Use red with cinnamon, green with wintergreen.) Pour into 8x8x2-inch metal pan. Let stand a few minutes till a film forms over the top. Now the idea is to mark candy so it will be shaped in little puffs, about ¾ inch square. Because the candy is cooler at the edges, you start marking from the outside and work toward center. Here's how. Using the edge of a broad, flat spatula or pancake turner, mark a line across pan, ¾ inch from the edge, being careful *not to break through the film on surface.* Starting on an adjoining side of pan, again mark across, ¾ inch from the edge. Mark other two sides. (Lines may have to be re-

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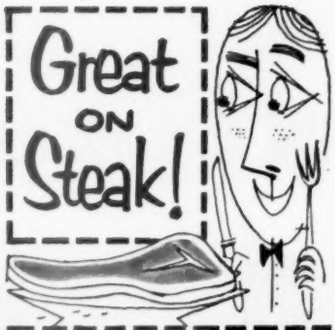

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marked until candy is cool enough to hold its shape.) Now mark lines as before, only going ¾ inch closer to the center; continue. While waiting for center to cool enough to shape, go over previously made lines, pressing the spatula deeper *but not breaking film*. The squares will form automatically as you continue to mark the lines toward the center. When spatula may be pressed to bottom of pan, candy will be shaped in square puffs. When cool, turn out and break in pieces. Makes 100.

Chocolat-y Pretzels

So yummy, yet so easy!—

Melt two 1-ounce squares semi-sweet chocolate. Then dip 12 small pretzel twists in chocolate; place on wire cake rack or waxed paper till chocolate is set.

Toboggan Cake

Just the dessert to delight kiddies on Christmas Day!—

Cut cake in pieces about 3 inches long, 2½ wide, and 1½ high. Frost top and sides with Snow Frosting. Sprinkle with shredded coconut. For "runners," attach a candy cane under each side of cake toboggan with a bit of the frosting.

Snow Frosting

It's beautiful, fluffy 7-minute frosting—

2 egg whites	⅓ cup cold water
1½ cups sugar	Dash salt
1½ teaspoons light corn syrup or ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar	Few drops peppermint extract or 1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine all ingredients except vanilla in top of double boiler. Beat 1 minute with electric mixer or rotary beater. Place over boiling water; beat constantly until frosting forms peaks, about 7 minutes. Remove from boiling water. Pour into mixing bowl, if you desire. Add the extract; beat until of spreading consistency, about 2 minutes. Frosts *top* and *sides* of two 9-inch layer cakes; or one 10-inch tube cake; or *tops* and *sides* of 12 cupcakes. **Tasting-Test Kitchen Note:** For a smaller amount of frosting, use half of all ingredients and cook about 4 minutes. Makes enough to frost the *top* of 13x9x2-inch loaf cake; or *tops* of 12 cupcakes.

Holiday fruits

Begins on page 76

Now, let's circle round the page, starting far left with the rich, pastel avocado halves stuffed with pink shrimp. Brush the avocados with lemon juice to keep cut surface bright. Serve on lettuce leaves for a main-course salad and pass Creamy Tomato Dressing: mayonnaise and catsup, half and half.

The avocado halves in the other row hold Frosty Cranberry Relish—just right to go on your platter of cold sliced turkey or ham.

Next come an Orange Treasure—fancy fruit cup to start the holiday dinner (fill walnut halves with cream cheese flavored with bits of crystallized ginger); an Apple With Cheese Wings to be the hub of a cheese or snack tray; Angel Tart with a cunning cranberry wreath.

In the corner, you see a Broiled Grapefruit Flower with tangerine petals. Serve it for your first course or dessert. Nice for a company brunch, too. Don't forget to give each plate a holly nosegay.

Look just above for yummy Orange-glazed Date Pudding. You serve it warm from the oven, drenched with a tart-sweet sauce, trimmed with walnut halves. Add extra drama with a thin slice of orange rolled in cornucopia style alongside.

Next, you see a delectable dessert to top off a heavy meal. Juicy Comice-pear halves with candied-cherry centers, a wedge of flavorful blue cheese (or Gorgonzola). Use the bright kumquats from the top of your gift box of fruit to give the plate holiday glamour, also to garnish ham and other roasts.

The three-sectioned dish holds delights for the "sweet tooth." Help yourself to the apricot "sandwiches" filled with marshmallow, to the glacéed and marzipan fruits, the plump dates (two or three wrapped around each other, then rolled in sugar).

Last comes a sherbet dish of refreshing Rosy Pears. The pears and cranberries cook in a spicy syrup. Serve them chilled for a pretty, light dessert.

The good recipes are below. Happy holidays!

Fresh-cooked Shrimp

Shrimp keeps its good flavor when cooked just to the "pink" of perfection—

2 pounds shrimp	1 teaspoon pickling spice
2 bay leaves	2 tablespoons vinegar
2 stalks celery	

Plunge shrimp into rapidly boiling salted water (1 tablespoon salt for each quart); add remaining ingredients. Heat to boiling, then lower heat and simmer until shells turn pink, about 5 minutes. Drain. Peel off shells. With pointed knife, remove vein that runs down back. Chill. Makes 6 servings.

Pineapple Dressing

Serve with fruit salad, and get set for compliments!—

⅓ cup sugar	¼ cup orange juice
4 teaspoons cornstarch	2½ tablespoons lemon juice
¼ teaspoon salt	2 well-beaten eggs
1 cup unsweetened pineapple juice	2 3-ounce packages cream cheese

Mix sugar, cornstarch, and salt; stir in fruit juices. Cook in double boiler 20 minutes, stirring constantly. Slowly stir into eggs. Return to double boiler and cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Cool slightly. Soften cream cheese; beat in cooked mixture. Chill. Makes 2 cups. [*Turn to page 118*

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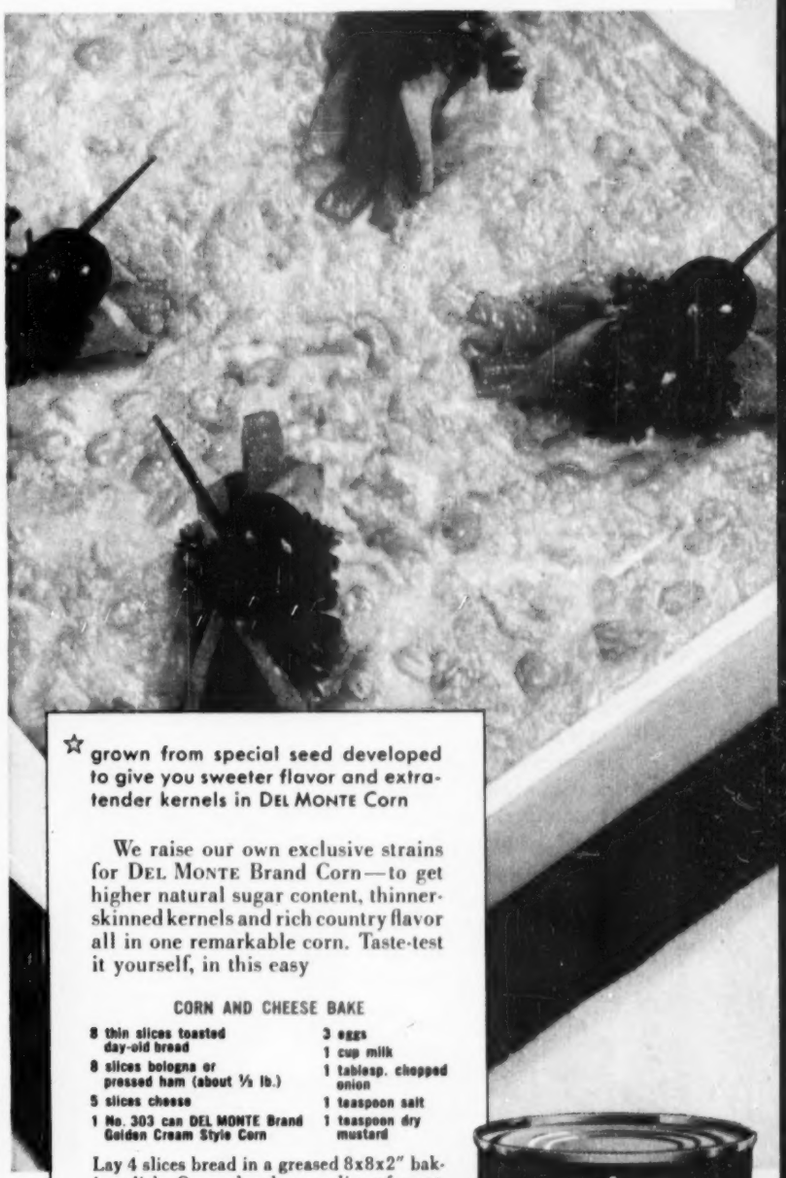

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5 slices cheese	1 tablesp. chopped onion
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	1 teaspoon dry mustard

Lay 4 slices bread in a greased 8x8x2" baking dish. On each, place a slice of meat, cheese and bread. Spread corn on top. Beat eggs slightly; add milk, onions, salt, mustard. Pour over corn; let stand in refrigerator 30 min. Bake in slow oven (325°F.) 50 to 60 min. Place strips cut from remaining cheese slice on the other 4 meat slices; fasten each with a toothpick as shown. Return to oven 5 min. Garnish with parsley and olives, if desired. Serves 4.

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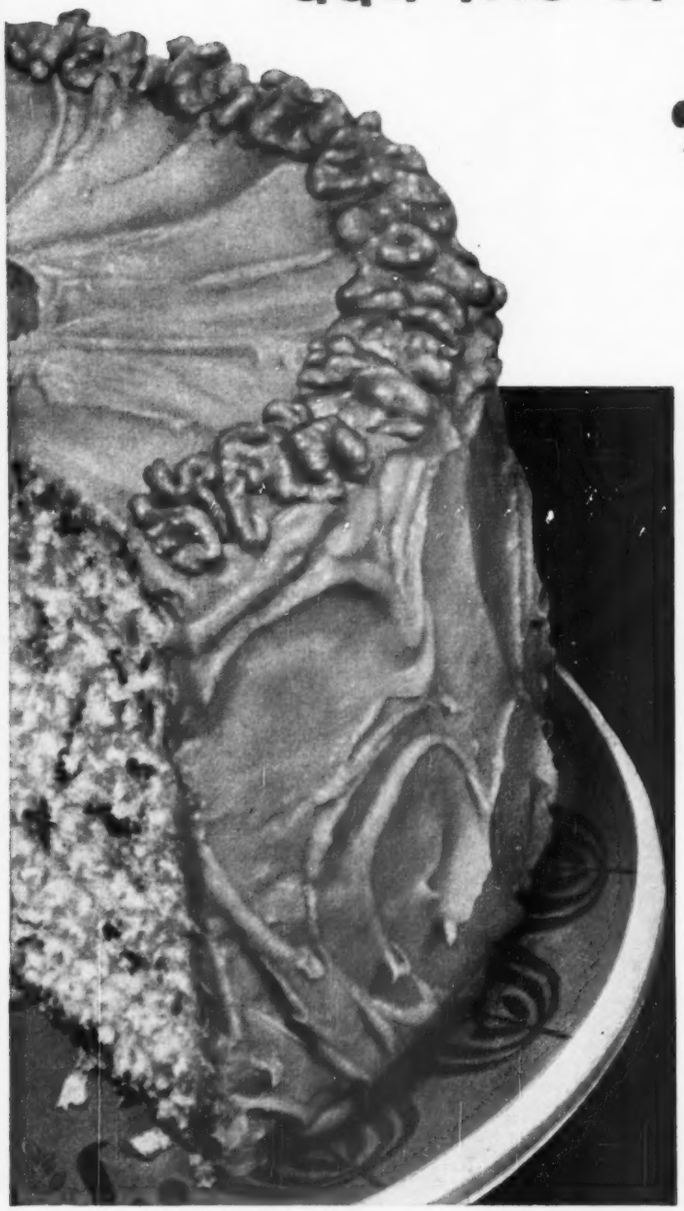

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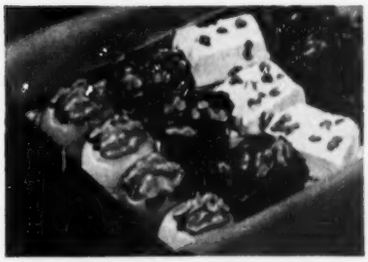

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CANDY BALLS—Follow above directions, shaping fudge into balls. Then roll in dry cocoa.

DOUBLE DECKER—Make a batch of Chocolate Fudge (with nuts added) and a batch of Penuche. Pour fudge mixture into pan; let stand for 10 min., then spoon Penuche mixture over fudge.

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Holiday fruits

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Delia Robbia Wreath Salad

A breath-taking beauty to grace your Christmas buffet table—

Canned peach halves	Curly endive
Canned pear halves	Cream cheese, softened and whipped
Canned pineapple slices	Green gumdrop strings
Canned whole peeled apricots	Tokay grapes
Canned spiced crabapples	Green grapes
	Egg white
	Sugar

Drain canned fruits and chill. Arrange bed of curly endive on large round platter. Place decorated fruit in circle around bowl of Pineapple Dressing as you see in the picture on page 77. **Cheese-stuffed Fruit:** Dry drained, chilled peaches and pears well on paper towels. Fill hollow with cream cheese. Put a red cherry, pitted date, or fig in the center of two halves before sealing with softened cream cheese. For the ruffle, pipe cream cheese through pastry tube. Make stems for pears by splitting gumdrop strings lengthwise and looping on top of pear. **To frost grapes:** Dip bunches of grapes into slightly beaten egg white. Drain off excess egg white; dip in sugar. When dry, arrange on platter.

Frosty Cranberry Relish

Perfect to garnish a cold-meat platter or to feature on a salad plate—

4 cups fresh cranberries	1 cup sugar
2 oranges	1 cup light corn syrup
1 lemon	

Put cranberries through food chopper, using fine blade. Quarter oranges and lemon; remove seeds; grind. Add sugar and corn syrup. Stir until sugar dissolves. Freeze to a mush (about 1 hour). Serve in avocado halves that have been brushed with lemon juice. Makes 4 cups.

Apple With Cheese Wings

Let it take flight from the center of your cheese tray. Folks help themselves—

Score skin of apple in 10 to 12 sections. Cut where marked, almost to the core. Remove 2 opposite sections. Spread remaining apple sections out carefully. Brush with lemon juice. Insert half-circle slices of Baby Gouda (cut edge at center of cheese very thin) between apple slices.

Angel Tarts

¼ cup sugar	¼ teaspoon almond extract
1 stiff-beaten egg white	½ cup heavy cream, whipped
1½ teaspoons (½ envelope) unflavored gelatin	5 to 6 baked pastry tart shells, cooled
2 tablespoons cold water	1 recipe Cranberry Glaze
Dash salt	
1½ teaspoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned	

Beat sugar into egg white. Soften gelatin in cold water; dissolve over hot water. Stir into egg-white mixture and beat 1 minute with rotary beater or electric mixer. Add salt, lemon juice, and extract. Fold in whipped cream. Pour into tart shells. Chill until set. Trim each with wreath of **Cranberry Glaze:** Combine 1 cup sugar and 1 cup water; boil 5 minutes. Add 2 cups fresh cranberries; cook until skins burst, about 5 minutes. Cool. Stir in 1 tablespoon cornstarch; cook and stir till clear and thick. Cool.

Broiled Grapefruit Flowers

Luscious for appetizer or dessert—

Remove seeds and center from grapefruit halves. Loosen segments with sharp knife. Slip 4 tangarine sections between grapefruit sections, radiating them from the center in flower fashion. Dot with butter or margarine. Sprinkle generously with brown sugar, or add several dashes of aromatic bitters for a delightfully different flavor accent. Broil grapefruit till just heated through and edge turns a delicate brown. Center with maraschino cherry; serve at once.

Orange-glazed Date Pudding

Homespun treat Dad will like—

¼ cup shortening	¼ teaspoon soda
1 cup sifted enriched flour	⅓ cup buttermilk
½ cup sugar	1 egg
½ teaspoon salt	1 tablespoon grated orange peel
½ teaspoon baking powder	1 cup pitted dates, cut in pieces

Stir shortening to soften; sift in dry ingredients. Add buttermilk, egg, and orange peel. Beat till smooth, about 1 minute. Stir in dates. Spoon into 6 well-greased custard cups. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 25 to 30 minutes. Turn out of cups and pour hot Orange Glaze over. Serve warm. **Orange Glaze:** Slowly stir ⅔ cup orange juice into 2 teaspoons cornstarch. Add 2 tablespoons honey and dash salt. Cook and stir till thick.

Rosy Pears

½ cup sugar	Dash salt
1½ cups water	4 winter pears, peeled, halved and cored
3 tablespoons red cinnamon candies or 3 inches stick cinnamon	1 cup fresh cranberries

Combine sugar, water, cinnamon candies, and salt. Bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Add pears and simmer gently in syrup about 20 minutes, or until tender. Remove pears. Add cranberries to syrup; cook 5 minutes, or until skins pop. Pour cranberries over pears; cool. Chill; serve in sherbet glasses. Makes 4 servings.

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Bananas	
Maraschino cherries	

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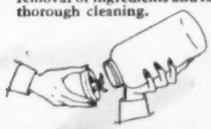

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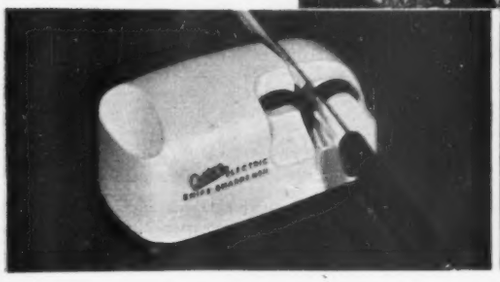

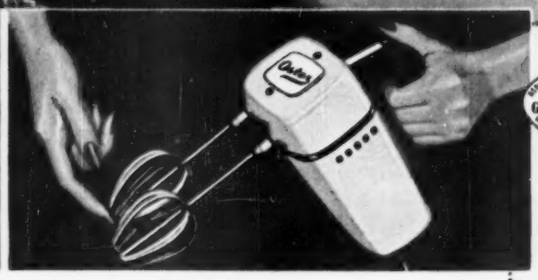

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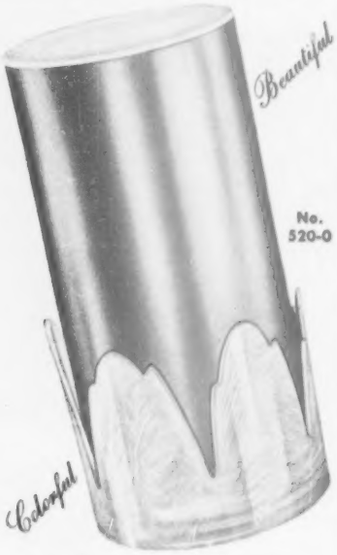

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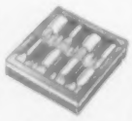

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1 Crumble enough crackers to make 2 cups medium-coarse crumbs. Pour ½ cup melted butter or margarine over the crumbs. Toss together lightly with a fork.

You will need a pint of oysters. Drain them; save the oyster liquor.

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2 Let a shiny layer-cake pan double for a casserole. Butter a round one, 8x1¼ inches. Spread a third of the crumbs on the bottom.

Cover with half the oysters. Sprinkle with pepper. Now a second layer with another third of the crumbs, the rest of the oysters, a dash of pepper.

3 Combine oyster liquor and enough extra-rich milk or cream to make 1 cup. Stir in ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce. Pour over oysters.

Top with last of crumbs. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 40 minutes. Recipe makes 4 servings. Hustle the oysters to the table so folks can eat them *hot*, at their very best.

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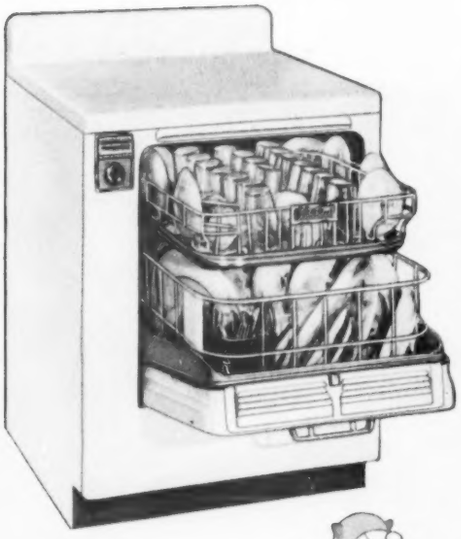

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¾ teaspoon salt

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Add . . . . . 1 egg and 1 egg yolk; beat well. (Reserve white.)

Blend in . . . . . ¼ teaspoon French's Vanilla
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Add . . . . . dry ingredients gradually; mix thoroughly. (Dough will be soft. Chill, if desired.)

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Bake . . . . . in moderate oven (350°F.) 10 to 12 minutes. Do not overbake. Cool and frost tops generously.

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Yuletide foods for

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Come to our tree-trimming feast

**Oven-fried Holiday Chicken*
Scalloped Potatoes *Green Beans*
**Twenty-four-hour Salad*
Hot Rolls *Cranberry Jelly*
†Frozen Coconut Snowballs *Coffee*

Fix the fluffy, fruity salad a day ahead. Let chicken and the potato casserole bake while you get in on the tree-trimming act. For speed, heat brown-and-serve rolls in the oven.

Hanging-of-the-greens supper

Tomato-juice Cocktail
**Spiced Picnic Ham* *Rye Bread*
Hot Potato Salad
Relish Bowl *Dill-pickle Slices*
†Rosy Pears *Coffee*

This is the kind of hearty fare folks like on a zero night. Come and fix your own he-man sandwich.

You'll go for the subtle seasoning of the ham, the old-fashioned salad. Ready for seconds? Help yourself.

friends and family

For your Christmas-night buffet

Pineapple Cocktail
**Turkey Delicious*
Buttered Broccoli
**Tomato Aspic Molds* *Stuffed Celery*
Toasted French-bread Slices
†Pistachio Ice Cream *Coffee*

You're ready to serve in a twinkling. Turkey slices keep hot, look glamorous in a chafing dish.

The gelatin-salad molds, cheese-stuffed celery with pimiento stripes, and ice cream are easy make-aheads.

Skaters and skiers roundup

**Savory Hamburgers* *Big Buns*
†Pimiento Corn Pudding
Tossed Green Salad
†Toboggan Cake *Hot Tea*

Pan-broil the hamburgers atop the range or bake them with the corn. At serving time, give each burger a rosy catsup wreath trimmed with crisp gherkin slices and onion bits

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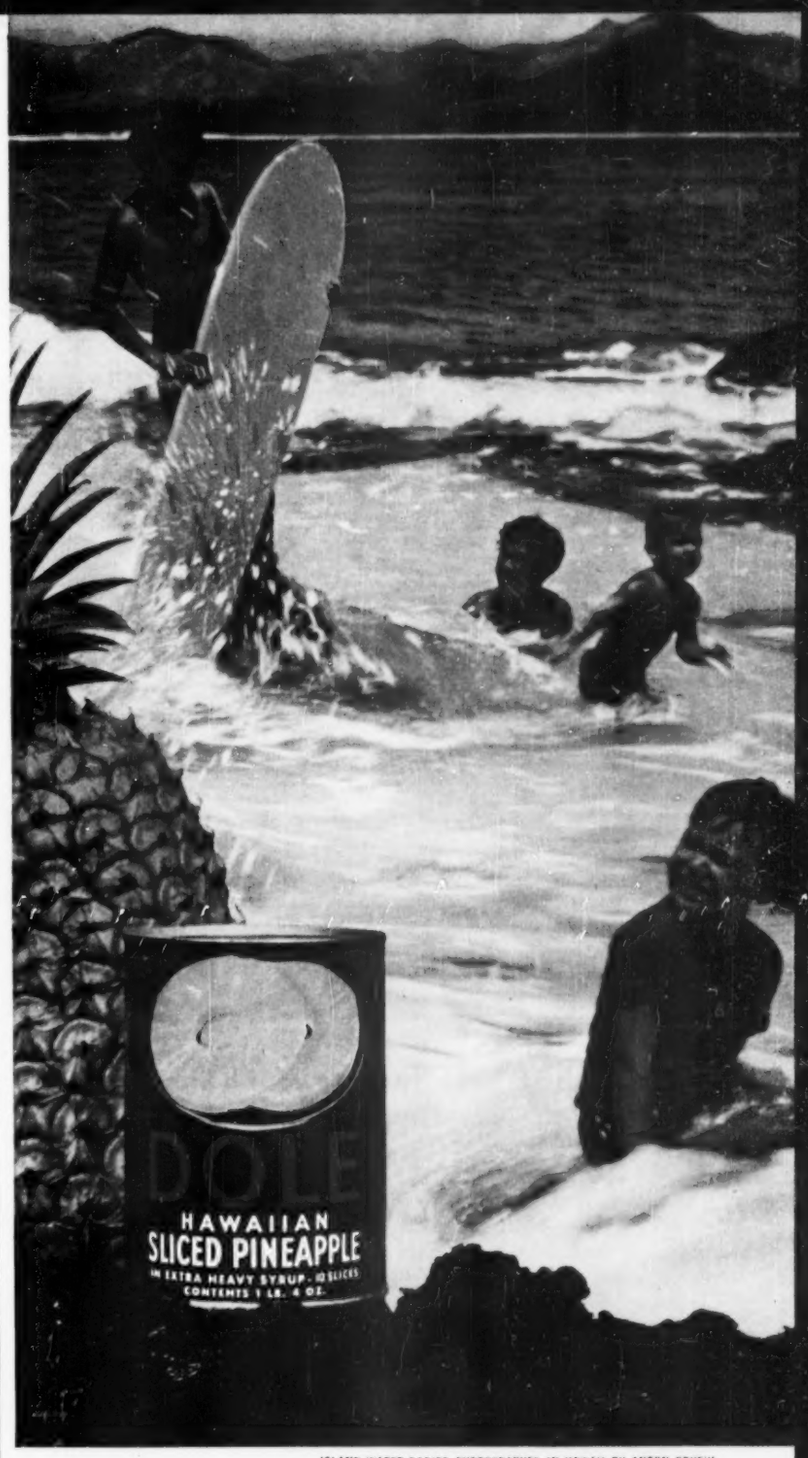

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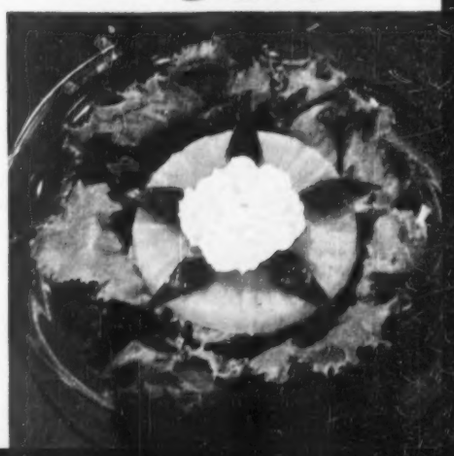

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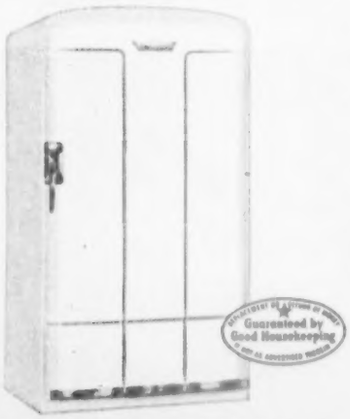

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Yuletide foods for friends and family

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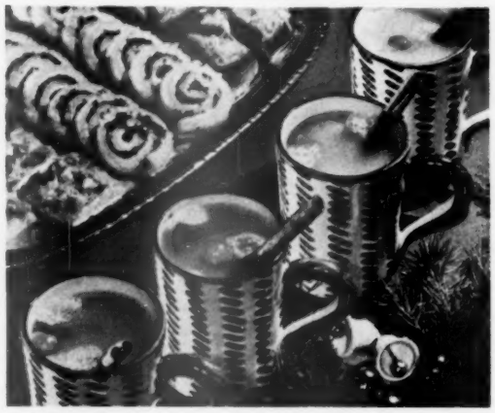
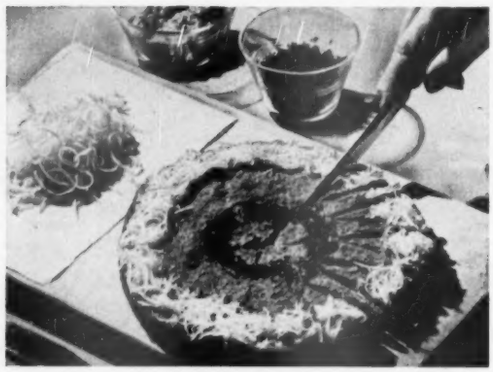
It's time for a merry open house



**Hot Mulled Pineapple Punch*
Tray of †Finger Sandwiches
†Christmas Cookies
Mixed Nuts

Let everybody drink to the gay holidays with mugs of Mulled Pineapple Punch. Use cinnamon sticks as stirrers. Offer dainty sandwiches, a choice of cookies



Forty-and-one sandwiches. Santa's Snack Pies* are a jolly answer to casual entertaining, now or the year round.

You cut crosswise slices from center of a round rye loaf. Spread each with deviled-ham mixture. Add chopped-parsley wreath, a rim of grated American cheese. To serve, cut center in plump wedges, outer circle in slender ones.

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Dips and chips. While guests chatter, let them munch on these appetizers. On the right is pretty Pink Shrimp Dip.* On the left, green-flecked Pistachio-Cheese Dip.*

In the center dish is a perfectly wonderful, *crunchy* cereal-nut combination that we call Scramble.† Place this tray of goodies on your coffee table within reach of all.

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Oven-fried Holiday Chicken

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1 young chicken, 3 to 3½ pounds ready-to-cook weight, disjointed
½ teaspoon thyme
½ teaspoon marjoram
Flour
Fat
½ teaspoon rosemary
2 tablespoons fresh minced parsley
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ cup hot water

Sprinkle the chicken with thyme and marjoram; let stand ½ to 1 hour. Roll in flour and fry in ¼ inch hot fat just long enough to brown on both sides. Remove each piece as it browns, and place in shallow baking pan. Sprinkle with rosemary, parsley, salt, and pepper. Pour the hot water into skillet; stir thoroughly. Pour the hot liquid over chicken. Bake uncovered in moderate oven (375°) about 45 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Twenty-four-hour Salad

It's so delicious that folks are sure to ask you for the recipe—

3 egg yolks
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons vinegar
2 tablespoons pineapple syrup
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
Dash salt
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
2 cups drained, canned pitted white cherries
2 cups drained pineapple bits
2 oranges, peeled, sectioned, cut in pieces
24 marshmallows, cut in thirds

Cook egg yolks, sugar, vinegar, pineapple syrup, butter, and salt in double boiler until thick, stirring constantly. Cool. Fold in whipped cream, fruit, and marshmallows. Chill 24 hours. Decorate top with orange sections and maraschino cherries, if desired. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Spiced Picnic Ham

Leftovers—if there are any—will be wonderful in casserole dishes—

1 whole picnic ham, about 5 pounds
6 to 8 cloves garlic
¾ cup vinegar

Remove skin from ham. Peel and slice garlic cloves in fourths lengthwise. Cut vertical slits about ½ inch deep in ham and insert garlic slices as you remove knife. Place in large kettle; cover ham with water; add vinegar. Cover; simmer about 1 hour and 40 minutes (20 minutes per pound). Remove from broth. Bake in slow oven (300°) about 50 minutes (10 minutes per pound).

Turkey Delicious

Heat slices of turkey left from Christmas dinner in this tasty sauce—

1½ cups chicken broth
1 tablespoon chopped onion
1 tablespoon chopped carrot
¼ bay leaf
½ teaspoon chopped parsley
6 whole black peppers
¼ cup butter or margarine
¼ cup enriched flour
1 cup milk
Dash pepper
1 slightly beaten egg yolk (optional)
Cooked turkey slices

Cook broth (you can use 2 chicken-bouillon cubes dissolved in 1½ cups hot water), onion, carrot, bay leaf, parsley, and black peppers together for 15 minutes. Strain. Melt butter; blend in flour; gradually stir in broth, milk, and pepper. Cook until thick. (For a richer sauce, add a small portion of the hot sauce to egg yolk and blend well. Stir the egg-yolk mixture into the remainder of the hot sauce.) Heat turkey slices in sauce over low heat. Makes about 2 cups sauce.

Tomato Aspic Molds

Tangy gelatin molds in a gay holiday color—

4 cups tomato juice
⅓ cup chopped onion
¼ cup chopped celery leaves
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon salt
2 small bay leaves
4 whole cloves
2 tablespoons (2 envelopes) unflavored gelatin
¼ cup cold water
3 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
1 cup finely cut celery

Combine tomato juice, onion, celery leaves, sugar, salt, bay leaves, and cloves. Simmer 5 minutes. Strain. Soften gelatin in cold water; dissolve in hot tomato mixture. Add lemon juice. Chill till partially set. Add celery. Chill in individual molds or in 1½-quart mold till firm. Unmold on crisp salad greens; garnish with mayonnaise. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Savory Hamburgers

Serve on big buns; trim with catsup wreaths—

1 pound ground round steak
2 tablespoons milk
1 tablespoon horse-radish
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1 teaspoon catsup
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon salt
⅓ cup soft bread crumbs
1 beaten egg

Combine meat, milk, and seasonings; add crumbs and egg, and mix well. Shape in patties; cook on greased griddle or in frying pan; or place in baking dish and bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Hot Mulled Pineapple Punch

You'll like its sweet, spicy taste—

½ cup sugar
1 cup water
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
5 inches stick cinnamon
10 whole cloves
3 tablespoons lemon juice
1 46-ounce can (6 cups) unsweetened pineapple juice

Simmer the sugar, water, lemon peel, and the spices together for 15 minutes. Strain. Add lemon and pineapple juices; heat till piping hot. Serve hot with stick cinnamon for stirrers. Makes 10 servings.

Pink Shrimp Dip

So right for holiday entertaining. Extra easy when you use a blender—

½ pound freshly cooked shrimp or 1 5-ounce can
1 cup creamy cottage cheese (big curd)
3 tablespoons chili sauce
½ teaspoon onion juice
2 teaspoons lemon juice
¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
⅓ cup milk

Finely chop shrimp and add to cottage cheese. Stir in chili sauce, onion juice, lemon juice, and the Worcestershire sauce. Gradually beat in enough milk to give good dipping consistency. Serve with potato chips, crackers, celery.

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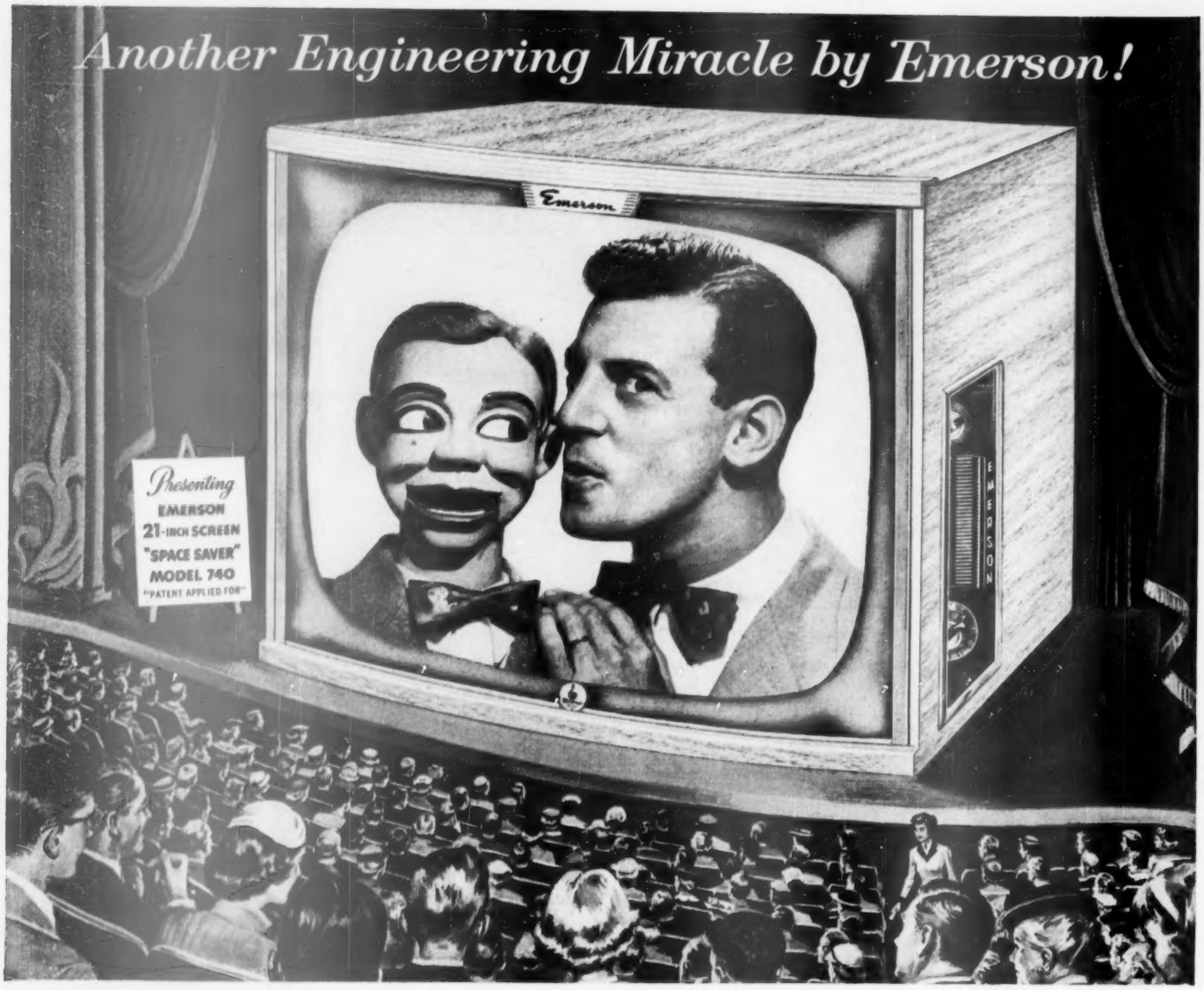

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Pimiento Corn Pudding

Golden kernels in a tender, flavorful custard—

2 well-beaten eggs
1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) whole kernel corn, drained
1 cup light cream
¼ cup finely chopped onion
2 tablespoons chopped pimiento
2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
½ teaspoon sugar
½ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
2 to 3 drops Tabasco sauce
¼ cup coarsely crushed corn flakes

Mix all ingredients except corn flakes. Pour into greased 1-quart casserole, and top with corn flakes. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 40 minutes, or until a knife comes out clean when inserted halfway between outside and center of casserole. Trim top with thin rounds of pimiento (use cooky cutter), onion, and fluffs of parsley. **Tasting-Test Kitchen Note:** To match the picture, double this recipe. Bake in greased 2-quart casserole about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Chicken Souffle Salad

You can have this delicious luncheon dish tucked in your refrigerator till party time—

1 3-ounce package lemon-flavored gelatin
1 cup hot water
½ cup cold water
½ cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
1¼ teaspoons salt
Dash pepper
1½ cups diced cooked chicken
½ cup finely diced celery
⅓ cup toasted, slivered blanched almonds
¼ cup chopped pimiento
¼ cup chopped green pepper
1 teaspoon grated onion

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add cold water, mayonnaise, lemon juice, salt, and pepper. Beat with electric or rotary beater until blended. Pour into refrigerator tray. Quick-chill in freezing unit 15 to 20 minutes, or until firm about 1 inch from edge but soft in the center. Turn into bowl and beat till fluffy. Fold in remaining ingredients. Place in 8½x4½x2½-inch loaf pan. Chill till firm. Unmold on bed of curly endive. Decorate top with Christmas tree made of pimiento pieces. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Star Rice Molds

An old favorite gets a new color and flavor twist—

3 cups hot cooked rice
½ cup finely chopped parsley
2 tablespoons grated onion
1 teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients. Mix thoroughly and spoon into well-greased custard cups. To keep hot till serving time, place over low heat in covered saucepan containing small amount of water. Unmold on platter. Decorate with red stars cut from pimiento. Makes 5 to 6 servings.

Creamed Turkey

The holiday bird makes a grand return at your buffet supper. Nice to serve in a chafing dish—

¼ cup butter or margarine
¼ cup enriched flour
2 cups milk
½ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Cooked turkey slices or 2 cups cooked cubed chicken

Melt butter; blend in flour. Stir milk in gradually. Cook, stirring constantly till thick. Add seasonings and chicken. If you like a thinner sauce, add more milk. Heat thoroughly. Serve with Star Rice Molds or crisp toast. Serves 6.

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Pistachio-Cheese Dip

A delightfully different spread—extra good—

1 8-ounce package cream cheese
3 tablespoons crumbled blue cheese
½ cup light cream
1 tablespoon lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
½ cup chopped salted pistachio nuts

Blend cream cheese and blue cheese together. Combine with cream. Add lemon juice and nuts. Chill. Makes 1½ cups.

Santa's Snack Pies

An appetizer that's tasty, easy, fun to serve—

Cut off crusts from bottom and top of large round rye loaf (9 to 10 inches in diameter). Cut remainder of loaf crosswise in ½-inch slices. Spread slices with mayonnaise, then generously with canned deviled ham seasoned to taste with chopped dill pickle and prepared mustard. Cut center of each slice with 3-inch cooky cutter, but leave piece in place. Add chopped-parsley wreath following the circle cut in center. Trim edge of "pie" with grated American cheese. To serve, slice center circle in fat wedges, the outer circle in long, thin wedges. Each big, round slice makes 1 "pie."

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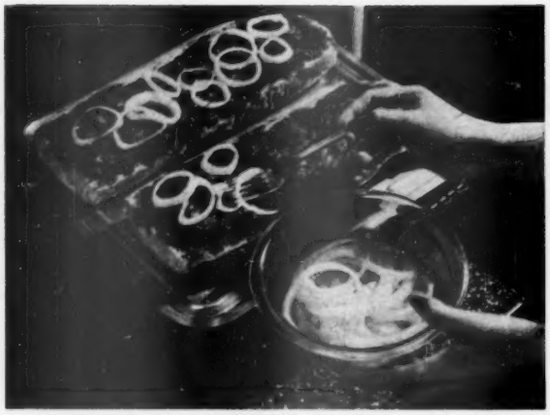
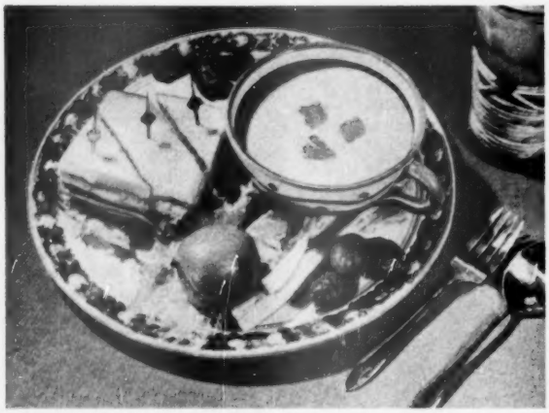


Bingo Hamburger Loaf. **Mix 1 pound ground beef, ¼ cup water, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, ¾ teaspoon salt. Spread on buttered, split Vienna bread. Add onions. Broil 15 minutes**

Be sure to try these quickies. For hot breads you can fix in a jiffy, turn to page 106



Club-sandwich Plate. **Triple-decker sandwich of baked ham, sliced tomatoes, and Swiss cheese sets off a big cup of quick-to-fix soup. Heat 1 can each condensed cream of chicken soup and bouillon, 2 cans of water. Go-withs: spiced apricots, gherkins, relishes**

Broiler Meal. **Broil beef patties and cooked potato halves 5 minutes about 3 inches from heat. Turn patties. Add pineapple, bacon strips. Broil about 5 minutes more. Trim platter with water cress**

If you're going to help Santa Claus by gift shopping all day, or if this is the afternoon you promised to meet with the Christmas-planning committee, turn to these time-saving ideas. Your dinner or supper will taste and look delicious—save you from hurrying.

Main dishes. Choose easy, quick-cooking ones like the three pictured here. Or how about heating a can or frozen package of chicken à la king, serving it over hot biscuits—the packaged refrigerator type or from a mix?

Salads. Call on relishes—crisp, cold celery and carrot strips, tiny radishes. Or toss a salad at the table. For a fruit salad, try **Cottage Ring:** Drain a chilled can of mixed fruits. Add sliced celery. Spoon cottage cheese in circle on ruffly lettuce; fill center with the fruit.

Desserts. Depend on make-aheads like the luscious Chocolate-Mint Towers there to your left. Or make a last-minute treat such as **Golden Glow Sundaes:** Drizzle honey over scoops of vanilla ice cream. Top with salted nuts.

Chocolate-Mint Towers. **These desserts won't take you long. They are fun to make and to eat. Stack chocolate wafers—4 to a serving—with whipped cream and crushed peppermint-stick candy between. Top each tower with whipped cream, a walnut; chill**

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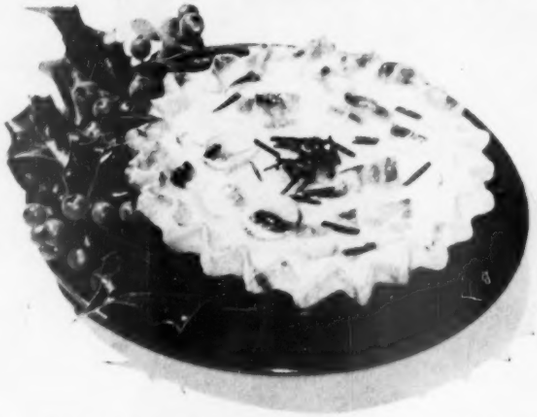
Here's Sun Valley's Swiss Pie. Be sure to try it—and all the other holiday treats below



Swiss Pie, yodeler's special, will bring you fame! It's a delicious lunch or supper dish. Filling's a delicate custard, flavored with Swiss cheese, onion, crisp bacon bits. Topper's chopped chives

following the easy directions from Sun Valley's expert chefs.

On Christmas Day in the Lodge Dining Room, children are entranced by the fabulous "ski cake," laugh at the authentic pose of one toy skier as he makes a sitzmark in the frosting snow. Be sure to fix a luscious, whimsical ski cake for your outdoor fans. Swirl top and sides with Snow Frosting (page 115) and tuck in evergreen tips as you see on page 75. (Look for tiny ski figures at a variety store or gift shop.) Dad and the kiddies will toss compliments your way!

Now let's take a sleigh ride across the village square to see what's going on at The Ram, Sun Valley's Tirolese restaurant. Some folks are square dancing, others are eating and chatting gaily about the fun they've had on the ski runs, on the skating rink, in the outdoor warm-water swimming pools.

Swiss Pie and Hungarian Veal Goulash are top favorites at Sun Valley. The recipes for these are below. Another specialty you'll want to try is Sawtooth Mountain-trout Sauté. The chef dips fresh trout in salted milk, then in flour. He fries the trout in butter, serves it with butter-browned slivered almonds atop.

Finger Sandwiches

Sun Valley chefs tell you their secrets for well-tailored corners—

Have a regular-size loaf of white bread or one of whole-wheat bread cut in slices a little less than ¼ inch thick. Spread one slice of bread with softened butter; then add a layer of sliced chicken, tongue, ham, cheese, or flaked tuna. Add a bit of mayonnaise, if desired. Top with another slice of buttered bread. (Make some of sandwiches with whole-wheat bread, some with white, and others half and half.) Trim off crusts and cut in finger sandwiches, 1 inch wide. This makes about 60 dainty but hearty little sandwiches.

For the rolled sandwiches: Cut unsliced bread lengthwise in ¼-inch slices; remove all crusts; spread with softened butter and then a layer of cream cheese seasoned with Worcestershire sauce and mixed with finely chopped nuts. Roll in jelly-roll fashion. Wrap in slightly damp cloth. Chill. Cut in slices ¼ to ½ inch thick.

Frozen Coconut Snowballs

Pastry chef Glenn Street serves these with his famous ski cake—

For each serving, put 2 scoops of vanilla ice cream together to form ball. Roll in moist, shredded coconut. Trim with a fresh holly sprig. (Make these ahead and place in your home freezer.)

Hungarian Veal Goulash

Try this authentic way. Serve over Spaetzels. Good!—

- 2½ pounds veal, cut in 1-inch cubes
- ¼ cup fat
- 1 cup chopped onion (2 medium)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ¼ cup enriched flour
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon thyme
- 1½ tablespoons paprika
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 No. 2½ can (3½ cups) tomatoes
- 1 cup sour cream

Brown veal in hot fat. Reduce heat; add onion and garlic, and cook until onions are transparent. Blend in flour and seasonings; cook till flour begins to brown. Add tomatoes and cook slowly, uncovered, until veal is tender and liquid is reduced to a thick consistency, about 1 hour. Just before removing from the heat, stir in sour cream. Serve over hot, buttery Spaetzels. Makes 6 servings. **Note:** If you prefer, you may use cubes of beef or pork instead of veal in this recipe.

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Spaetzels

An old-world favorite that will remind you of homemade noodles—

2 cups sifted enriched flour
2 eggs
2 egg yolks
¾ cup milk
1¼ teaspoons salt
Dash pepper
Dash nutmeg
1 tablespoon minced parsley
¼ cup butter
½ cup fresh bread crumbs

Mix flour, eggs and yolks, milk, salt, pepper, nutmeg, and parsley. Place mixture in a coarse-sieved colander over large kettle of rapidly boiling salted water; press through colander with a heavy-bottomed glass, lightly greased to prevent sticking. When all mixture has been pressed through, cook for about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Wash under cold water, and drain. Melt butter in a pan; add bread crumbs and brown lightly. Stir in spaetzels and brown lightly over low heat. (Some extra chopped parsley and chopped hard-cooked egg may be added for garnish just before removing the spaetzels from heat.) Makes 6 servings.

Swiss Pie

Give everyone a little pie for supper—or cut the pies in wedges and serve as an appetizer—

6 slices bacon, cut in ¼-inch strips
1 cup chopped onion (about 2 medium)
2 beaten eggs
¾ cup sour cream
½ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
2¾ cups (12 ounces) Swiss cheese, cut in ¼-inch cubes
6 unbaked 4-inch tart shells

Fry bacon until crisp. Drain on paper towels; add onion to fat, and cook until tender but not brown; drain off fat. Combine eggs, sour cream, salt, pepper, cheese, and bacon. Pour into tart shells. Bake in moderate oven (375°) till knife inserted halfway between outside and center of filling comes out clean, about 25 minutes. Garnish with chopped chives, if desired. Serve at once.

Hostessing helpers

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Fix-ahead snacks are a cinch with a home freezer. Cover sandwiches with freezer cellophane or foil; freeze. Remove before the party

Party Pizzas

Tasty tidbits—easy to prepare in a hurry—

Split large English muffins in half. Toast in the broiler. Spread each round with 1 tablespoon tomato paste; sprinkle with monosodium glutamate and ground oregano. Place 3 or 4 sardines on each; sprinkle with 2 tablespoons grated American process cheese. Place on greased baking sheet; broil about 3 inches from heat until cheese melts and buns are warmed throughout.

Sugar-doughnut Rounds

Tender, crispy outside. Exactly right to serve on a chilly winter day—

2 eggs
1 egg yolk
1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
½ cup orange juice
¼ cup water
2 tablespoons shortening, melted
4 cups sifted enriched flour
1¼ teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon cream of tartar

Beat eggs, egg yolk, and sugar together till light. Add orange peel, juice, and water. Stir in shortening. Sift together remaining ingredients; add half to liquid and beat until smooth; add remaining flour mixture and mix well. *Chill 1 hour.* Roll to ½ inch on lightly floured surface. Cut with floured 1¼-inch biscuit cutter. Fry in deep, hot fat (375°) until brown, about 3 minutes, turning once. Drain on paper towels. Roll in mixture of ½ cup sugar and ½ teaspoon cinnamon. Makes about 4½ dozen.

Banana Milkshake

A "jiffy" healthful drink everyone will like—

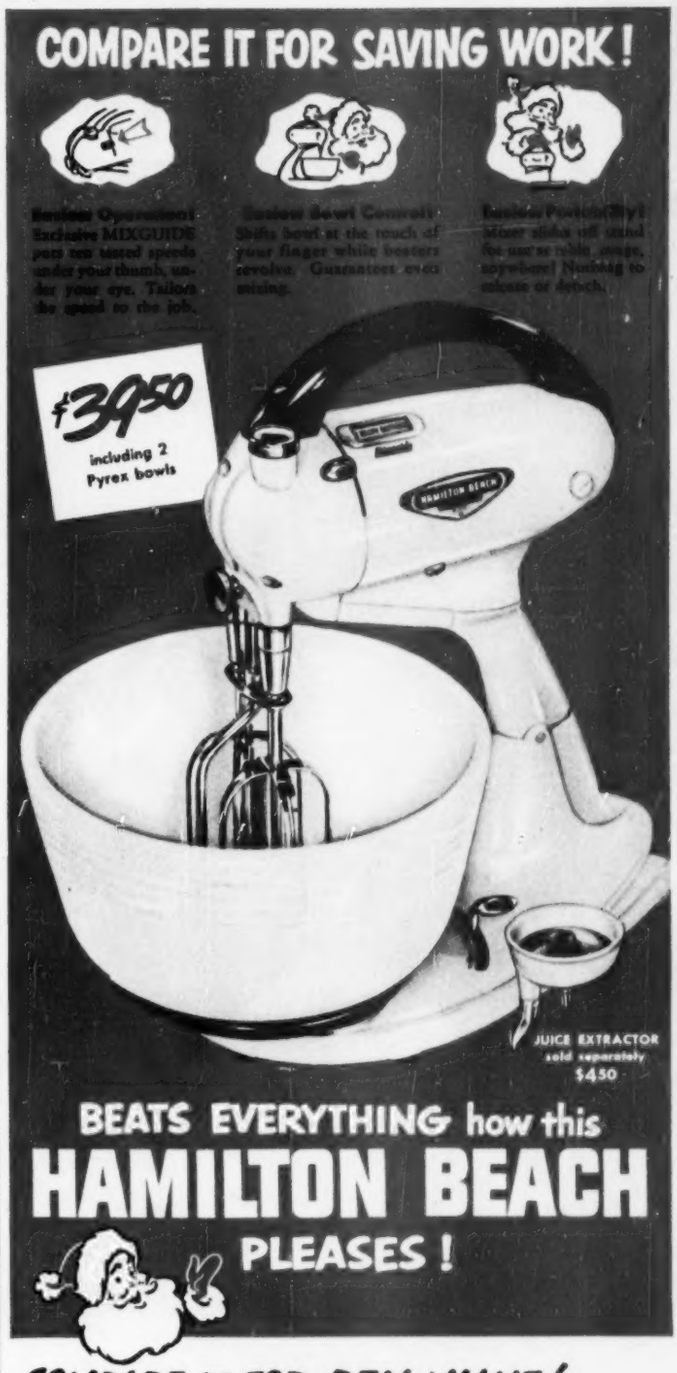
For a single shake: Place 1 banana, broken in chunks, 1 cup milk, and a big spoonful ice cream in a blender. (For extra nutrition, add an egg. For a malt, add 1 tablespoon malted-milk powder.) Blend. Makes 1 serving.

Tiny Blueberry Pancakes

These will make Christmas breakfast an occasion—

1 well-beaten egg
1 cup milk
3 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
2 tablespoons sour cream, (optional)
1¼ cups sifted enriched flour
2½ teaspoons baking powder
2 tablespoons sugar
¾ teaspoon salt
1 cup fresh, frozen, or drained canned blueberries

Preheat griddle. Combine egg, milk, butter, and sour cream. Sift dry ingredients. Gradually add to liquid, using rotary beater. Fold in blueberries. Test griddle by dropping a few drops cold water on it. If drops "dance" on griddle, it is hot enough. Grease griddle lightly. Drop batter on by tablespoonfuls to make 3-inch pancakes. Cook over low heat until underside is golden brown. Turn and brown on opposite side. Serve immediately. Makes about 20 pancakes.



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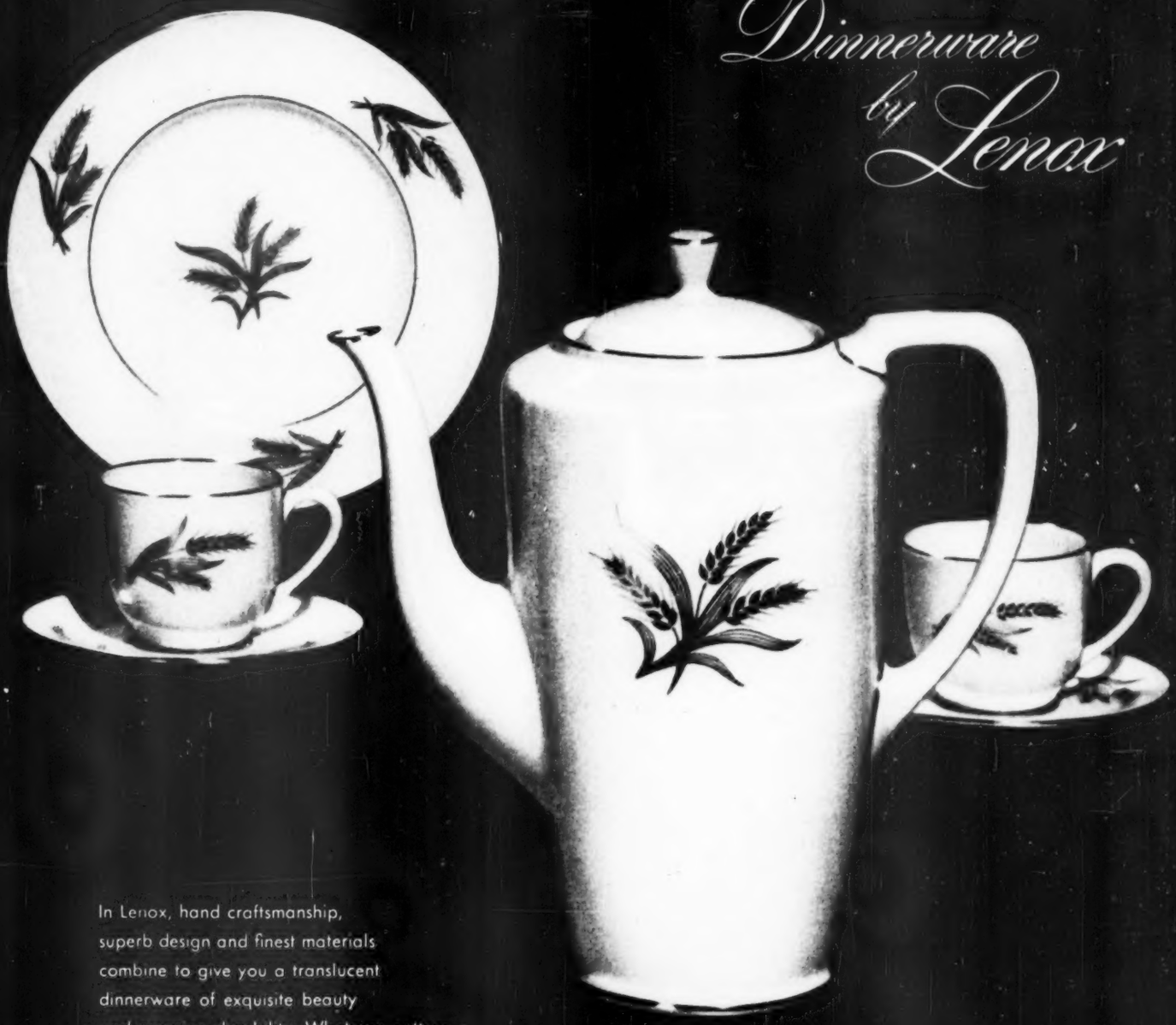

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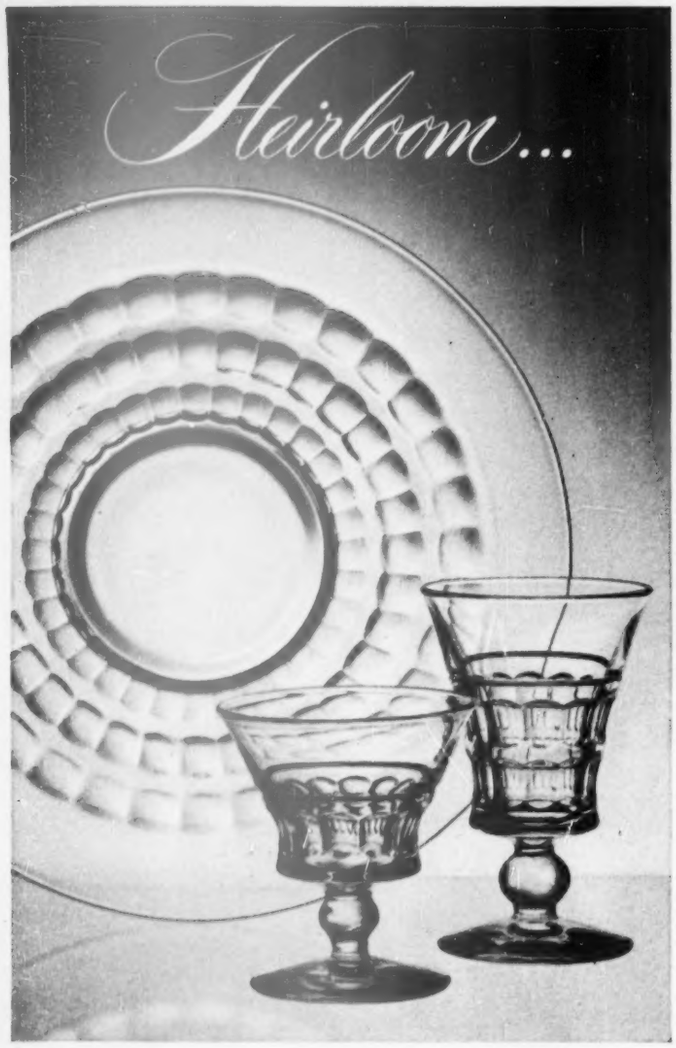

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Show your children

Reading opens up lifelong pleasure for a child, but it needs your help to compete with TV, radio, comics

The supper dishes had been cleared away, and we were settling down in the living room for the evening story hour when we heard a gentle tap-tap on the front door.

"Even if it's visitors, we can read anyway, can't we, Daddy?" 5-year-old Kit said quickly.

"Don't worry," said 9-year-old Paul. "Bet you a million it's only Bobby, wanting to hear more about 'Lad'."

A few evenings before, a neighbor boy had come over on an errand for his mother. He'd found us reading Albert Payson Terhune's *Lad* together, and had "happened" in every night since at the same hour!

Sure enough, it was Bobby. He slipped quietly into the room, saw the book already in my husband's hand, sank blissfully on to one end of the sofa, and just waited.

For almost an hour, as we followed the adventures of that wonderful dog, there was no sound but the reader's voice. Considering that the room contained three lively boys, this was really something.

But we weren't surprised. For it has been our experience that all children will come a-running when there's a chance to hear a lively story. The question is, are parents these days giving their children the opportunity to learn to love good books?

Surely, this is one of the most worthwhile contributions we can make to our children's welfare. The love of good reading, the ability to enjoy our literary heritage will enrich, comfort, and inspire a person his whole life long.

Strong competition

Nowadays, books have tremendous competition. Radio, television, comics, the movies—these contend for a major place in everyone's time budget. To parents fall the privilege and responsibility of seeing that good books are not lost in the shuffle.

"It's just a matter of putting first things first," says Mrs. Helen Chapin, one of our city's outstanding elementary-grade teachers, whose special interest is home reading for children. "Being both a mother and a teacher, I have had the opportunity of seeing clearly just how the home and the school must work together on this problem.

"As a teacher, I can require from my pupils 10 book reports a semester; I can take the group to the public library once a month or so; I can try to stimulate interest in literature by reading bits from good books. But with 30 youngsters to cope with, varying widely in reading ability, there just isn't time for enough individual encouragement and guidance."

"And that's where the parents come in," I suggested.

"Right!" she said emphatically. "I can almost always tell within a few days after a child has come into my room whether his parents have been reading the good things with him and to him. If they have, that youngster stands out as being mentally more mature, with a greater interest in and understanding of the world around him. And he's usually an outstanding contributor to the general welfare of the class.

"If more parents would only take the time to read with

books are fun

By Dorothy Boys Kilian

their children, when they've begun to read books for themselves, it would make the youngsters feel a sense of real accomplishment!"

I asked Miss Mildred Phipps, who is supervisor of work with children for the Pasadena, California, Public Library (and chairman of the Section for Work With Boys and Girls of the California Library Association), what particular message she might have for parents.

Without hesitation Miss Phipps answered, "Acquaint the youngsters with books when they're very small, so that, as they grow up, poems, stories, and good pictures will be an integral part of their lives."

Start at any age

No matter what age your children are, the time to start on this campaign is *now*.

"You can't begin too young," Miss Phipps emphasized. "We had a preschool story hour here just this morning, and you should have seen (and heard) the enthusiasm! They are always delighted with the stories, pictures, and songs."

She showed me a list of books recommended for the preschool child, some of the favorites being *Johnny Crow's Garden*, *Little Boy Brown*, *Cowboy Small*, *Story of Babar*, *Story About Ping*, *Millions of Cats*, *Jeanne-Marie Counts Her Sheep*, *Tale of Peter Rabbit*, *Make Way for Ducklings*, *Where Have You Been?*, and *Dash and Dart*.

Miss Phipps was so emphatic about beginning early that I was almost afraid to ask, "But what if a child has reached the age of 8 or 10 or 12 without having acquired a taste for good books? Is there, then, no hope?"

"Oh, yes, indeed," she said quickly. "I have found that there are many ways to interest children in reading, such as finding books on their hobbies, making many books available, and reading together as a family."

There are, then, specific things that parents can do to develop their youngsters' taste for good literature.

Let's read together

Family reading periods take priority, in my estimation. They're fun, and they do so much for family spirit and morals. But at this point a very real problem presents itself. From the plaintive remarks made by numerous parents at a recent, citywide P.T.A. forum on home reading, it's almost an impossibility to gather the whole family in one room and hold it there for half an hour.

After leaving the dinner table, the group simply flies to pieces. Mother is in the nursery, putting the youngest child to bed; Dad is on the phone, discussing a forthcoming committee meeting; while Sister reluctantly washes dishes in the kitchen. Junior alone is in the living room, his hair standing on end over a television thriller.

What's the answer? The book editor of one of our better magazines puts it this way: "Parents should plan reading periods just the same as they plan breakfast—it should be a routine pleasure." If you really are convinced that it's a *must*, you can usually figure out a solution.

In our own family, Mother and 9-year-old brother do the dishes, while Father puts the baby to bed and little brother takes his bath and gets into his pajamas. In this way, everyone but Baby is reas- [*Turn to page 140*

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Tool-storage area is gained by using side walls flanking work surface, since double windows eliminate storage directly ahead of bench. Miscellaneous storage is in closet built into corner.

Beneath bench, shelves provide more storage—plus small wood boxes on ball casters which pull out easily. Sturgis licks the nails-screws, small-parts problem with metal cabinets he bought.

you find it

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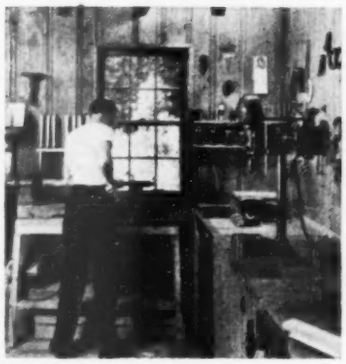
Rough framing and siding were done professionally, then Sturgis used shop tools to build his bench and panel the shop in ogee pine. Floor is hardwood. Overhead beams provide lumber storage. Built-on shops can cost much or little—depending primarily on the interior finish and the degree of insulation needed

Shop entrance is from service yard through doorway in short wall where the extension is 4 feet wider than the original wing of the house.

Sturgis handles extra-long lumber on saw by running it out door. Shop has another entrance from house proper.



Drill press stands on other end of workbench, but is not bolted down. Sturgis can remove it when he needs bench-top area for his work.

Shop activity concentrates at one end of shop. There's room for other crafts and hobbies at the other end.

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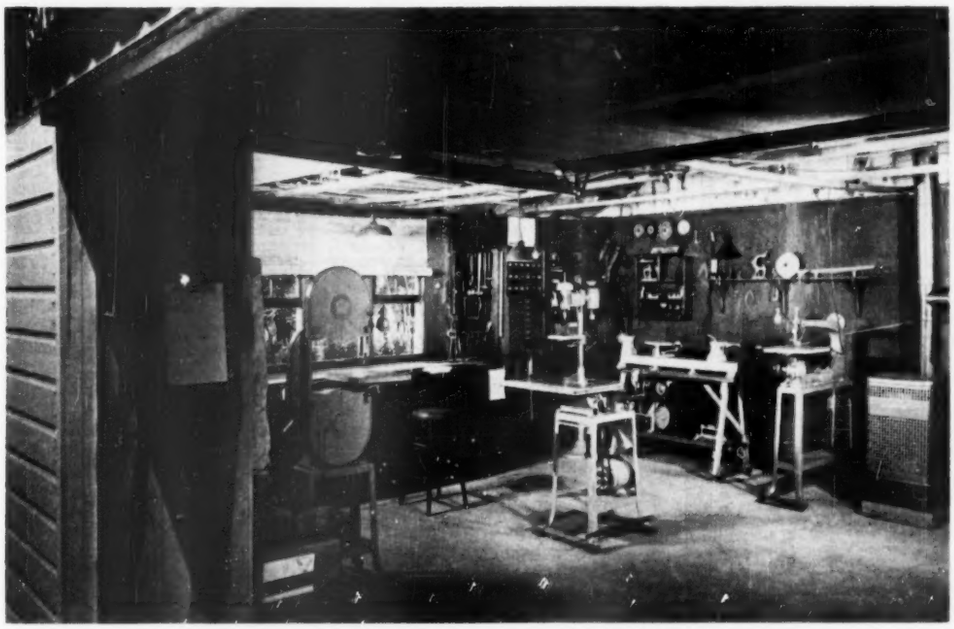
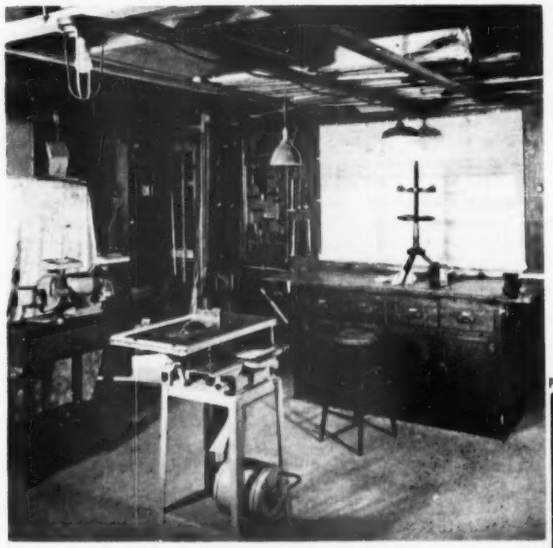
Tools on casters make a wonder workshop of your garage



Old, single-car garage was torn down, its lumber reused in building a two-car size for R. O. Buck's shop, Chicago.

But new garage has only one door for car, half of building being patently shop area. All tools are on casters, used in shop half for small projects, then rolled into more open arrangement for big jobs, while car stands in driveway.

Oil-burning space heater provides winter warmth for both car and shop. Shop walls are stained plywood, with maximum utilization of walls for hanging tools.



Hand-tool cabinet at left of bench has large door with handsaws hung on its back, other tools inside.

Entrance to shop passes through partitioned "vestibule," in which Buck stores garden tools and supplies without their clutter in shop proper. Large window has split-bamboo roll-up shade for control of illumination on bench during daylight hours Buck is in his shop.

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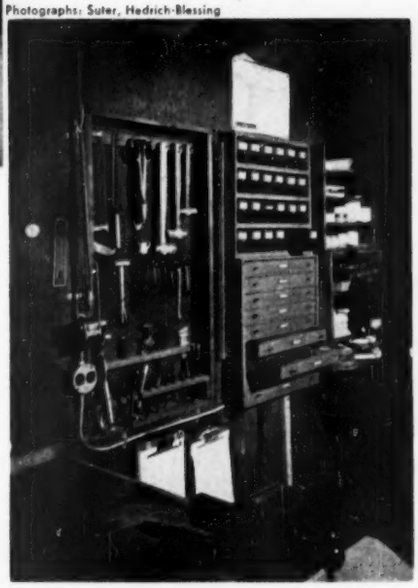

Sharp zoning promotes efficiency in the Buck shop, with no intermixture of tools for metal and for woodworking. Metal zone is at right of bench.

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Books are fun

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sembled in the living room within 20 minutes after the evening meal, and no one has had time to become involved in another occupation.

Some books just seem made for reading aloud. They are entertaining to a wide age group—very young children get a great deal out of them, and, at the same time, even adults are not bored by them. A few especially good examples are, *The Story of Dr. Doolittle*, Kipling's *Just-So Stories*, the goings-on of that amazing nursemaid *Mary Poppins*, the whimsical *Wind in the Willows*, the doings of *The Moffats*, the story of the little Swiss girl *Heidi*, the lovable *Winnie-the-Pooh*, and, of course, the adventures of *Alice in Wonderland*.

Don't forget Bible stories from your favorite young-people's collection. And poetry. As someone has said about poetry, "It makes immortal all that is best and most beautiful." Furthermore, poetry simply cries to be read aloud, and bears endless repetition.

Try verse, too

Some collections of verse, which are of interest to a fairly wide age range, are De La Mare's *Peacock Pie*, *A Book of Rhymes*, Field's *Taxis and Toadstools*, Lindsay's *Johnny Appleseed and Other Poems*, Milne's *Now We Are Six*, and Stevenson's *A Child's Garden of Verses*.

Excellent anthologies of verse are *Silver Pennies* and *More Silver Pennies*, compiled by Blanche Jennings Thompson; *This Singing World, an Anthology of Modern Poems for Children*, edited by Louis Untermeyer; Geismer's *Very Young Verses;* Arbuthnot's *Time for Poetry*.

Your young listeners, chuckling and sighing with you over this rich fare, will be nourishing two kinds of friendships; they will be feeling a sense of mutual understanding and common enjoyment with you, and at the same time they will be learning to look to books for pleasure and comfort.

If children are to be convinced that reading is fun, they must see the grownups at it in their own free time. If they come home from school in the afternoon to find Mom relaxing with a good book; if they see Dad settling down in his easy chair after dinner with a book; if the members of the family often give books to each other as holiday and birthday gifts, then the youngsters will just naturally conclude that reading is "the thing to do."

Books a reward

There are other ways, too, of suggesting to youngsters that a book is a treat and not a bore. Tommy Matson, although only 7, already puts books in the category of, if not ice-cream cones, at least a new toy. Ever since he was 2 years old, his mother has taken him to the library once a week to hear some stories and select an armload of books to take home.

And on birthdays and as a special reward for good behavior, such as the time he played so quietly for a week when Grandma was very sick upstairs, Tommy has gone with his dad to the big bookstore in the city and picked out a book for himself from the children's department. (That this store visit is usually followed by lunch at his dad's club, with strawberry ice cream for dessert, does not detract from the glory of the day.)

Where there are children who have begun to enjoy reading to themselves, it's good strategy to buy or take out on loan good books which you feel might interest them, and "plant" these books around the house.

Mrs. Ryan told me recently about one of her initial efforts to wean her 9-year-old Larry from the constant reading of the comics.

She brought home a copy of Robert McCloskey's *Homer Price* and laid it on the living-room table, remarking casually, "You might like to glance through this when you have time."

Out of the corner of her eye she watched Larry sidle up to the table and very nonchalantly flip over a few pages. His attitude definitely showed that he didn't intend to be railroaded into anything. When he came to a certain double-page illustration, he hesitated—and was hooked. (It would take a strong man to be able to resist the picture of the musical mousetrap that doesn't hurt mice!)

In no time at all, he was back on the sofa with the book, so lost to the world that his mother almost had to shout at him to get him to come to the dinner table a half hour later.

Some other books highly acceptable to the middle-elementary age group are the "make-believe" tales, *Andersen's* and *Grimm's Fairy Tales*, *Arabian Nights*, and *Peter and Wendy;* for good laughs, *Peterkin Papers*, *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, and *The Middle Moffat;* and for adventure (real competition for comics and television), *Caddie Woodlawn*, *The Matchlock Gun*, *Call It Courage*, *Little House in the Big Woods*, and others of the Wilder series, *Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, Daugherty's *Daniel Boone*, and Estes' *Ginger Pye*.

Plan a retreat

But a fellow often has a hard time keeping his mind on Daniel Boone or Tom Sawyer, or any other character.

"Gee, Mom," Junior pleads, "Can't you get Baby to stop banging on that pan? I've read this page over three times, and I still don't know what it says!"

"Well, why don't you go to your bedroom to read?" Mother asks.

"I did go in there first, but Robby's got his train set up, and about 40 of his friends are in there with him."

If Mom doesn't do something quickly, Junior may give up reading and just turn the radio on full volume to some hillbilly music or a mystery thriller.

Selected book lists

Children's Books Too Good to Miss—The Press of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.
Treasure for the Taking, by Ann Thaxter Eaton—The Viking Press, 18 E. 48th Street, New York, New York.
A Basic Book List (elementary grades); *A Basic Book List for Junior High Schools; A Basic Book List for Senior High Schools*—American Library Association Workshop, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, Illinois.
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Many modern homes don't have attics or basement dens or libraries, and two or more children often share one bedroom. The living room of a good-size family in the late afternoon or early evening may be as little conducive to concentration as Grand Central Station.

The Wolsons have solved the problem by making a retreat out of the parents' bedroom. An old easy chair and a floor lamp in a corner of the room near a window, and a rule that anyone who retires here shall not be disturbed except in case of emergency, do the trick.

Opportune moment

Books come alive to youngsters if literary characters and happenings are integrated into their own lives. The parent who knows the classics himself can arouse a child's curiosity about a book by saying, when, for instance, Janie comes home from her first visit to an ice-skating rink: "You should hear about the time Mr. Winkle tried to pretend he knew all about skating. Was he a show-off!"

"Who's Mr. Winkle?" is the inevitable question.

"Oh, he was a member of the famous Pickwick Club. It tells all about him in Dickens' *Pickwick Papers*. Here, let me read you a couple of pages from it."

And Janie is thereby shown that grown-up classics are not necessarily stuffy.

Or, perhaps, Davy, telling the family about the birthday party he attended that afternoon says, "Boy, the real fun was that treasure hunt. Our side won, and we got to dig up the chest of refreshments."

"Treasure hunts are always exciting," Dad agrees. "There's one, particularly, that sends a thrill through my bones every time I think of it."

"What one is that?" Davy bites, his eyes gleaming.

Whereupon Stevenson's *Treasure Island* is hauled out for Davy.

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Rich fare, indeed

When a youngster is ready for this Stevenson classic, he's usually in the older, juvenile-reading age group, early teens, or slightly younger. Then, indeed, he (or she) will find fascinating material in which to sink his reading teeth.

Stories with a rich historical background will grip his interest and at the same time teach him much. An outstanding favorite at our Pasadena library is *Johnny Tremain*, the story of a boy apprenticed to a silversmith during our Revolutionary War period. Then, there's *Young Fu of the Upper Yangstze*, a boy of Chunking 15-or-so years ago; *Spice and the Devil's Cave*, a romance of the spice trade in the Fifteenth Century; *The Lost Queen of Egypt*, a story of a child ruler of that ancient empire; the various volumes of the Landmark series.

Straight biography is very popular with this age. Some of the best of this group are: Commager's *Robert E. Lee*, Eaton's *Ghandi, Fighter Without a Sword*, Foster's *Abraham Lincoln's World*, and Jackson's *Golden Footlights* (story of Lotta Crabtree).

There are fine stories of legendary characters such as Ester Shephard's *Paul Bunyan; The Boy's King Arthur, edited by Lanier; Children of Odin*, Padraic Colum's collection of Norse legends; *Yankee Doodle's Cousins*, folklore tales of Paul Bunyan, Johnny Appleseed, Pecos Bill, and others.

Then there are the classic favorites such as *Little Women*, Dicken's *Christmas Carol*, and *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*.

Poetry suitable to this age may be found in Carl Sandburg's *Early Moon*, Sara Teasdale's *Stars Tonight*, and a collection of folk poetry entitled *I Hear America Singing*.

Don't expect your children to rave about every book on the lists. Naturally, they will have their own pet loves and hates. But if you expose them, as well as you can, to the whole field of good literature, enough of it will "take" to enrich their lives immeasurably. And what's more, you will all have had a good time in the process.

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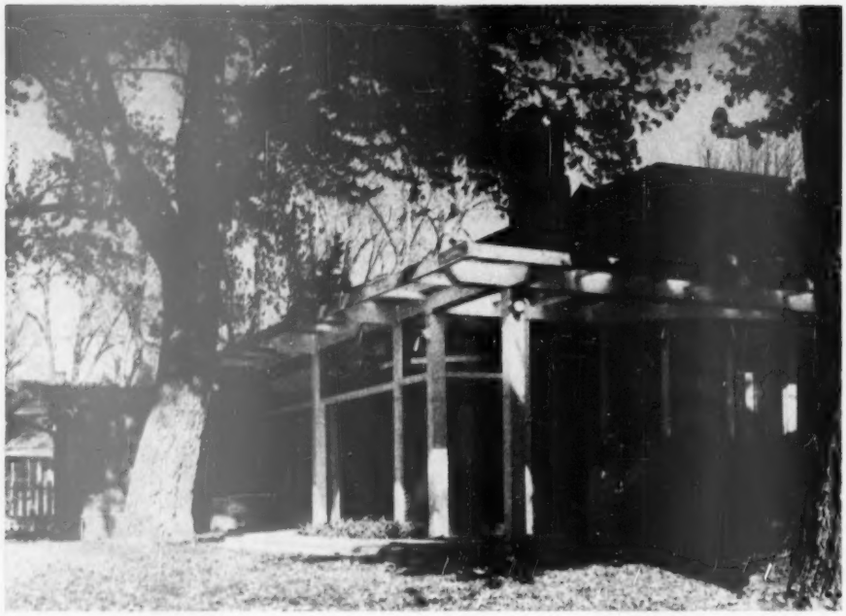

Because of matching white trim and brick, Modern addition "ties in" with original house. Tool house (left) stores garden equipment and screens terrace from street. Wanns built right up to the huge, old poplar tree. This and the sun grids at eave line shade glass. Spotlights illuminate garden at night

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There's a partial ceiling; over the rest of the room, the translucent plastic roof is exposed for greater light and openness inside.

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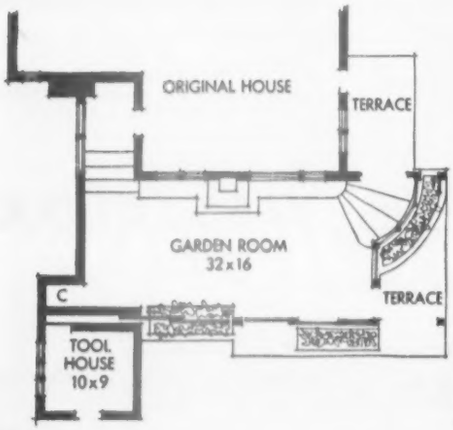
Raised fireplace (with copper hood) is designed for easy cooking. Rough hemp rug, textured upholstery will take lots of rough treatment. Note recessed lighting fixtures, translucent roof of corrugated plastic



Family can reach addition from living room or from side and rear terraces. Note how planters are shared with indoors—one planter is half indoors and half out, divided by a sliding panel of glass. Large windows slide into space behind tool house. Note that garden room is four steps down from original house

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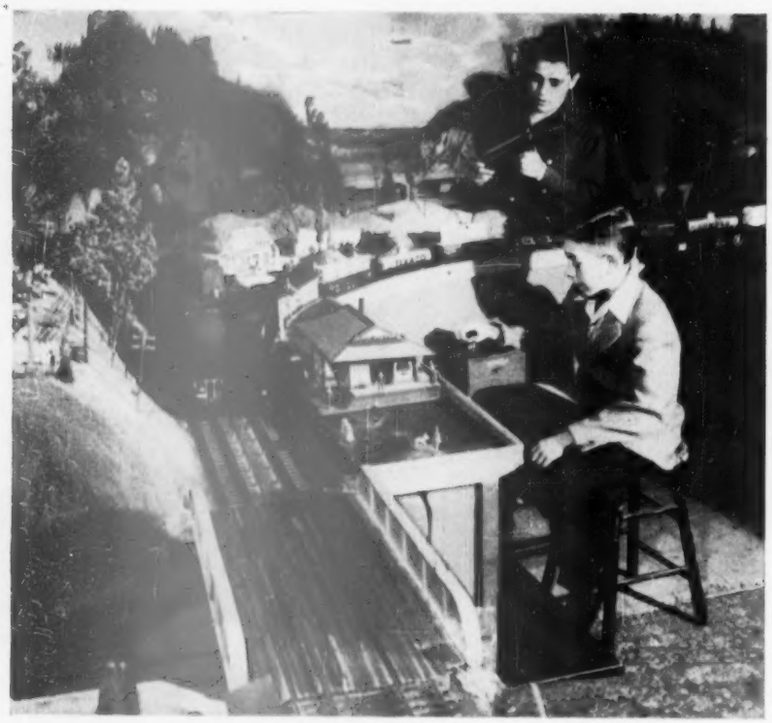
Les Wilbert and his two sons, Dick, chief engineer, and Lawson, yardmaster, watch one of their locomotives emerge from a mountain tunnel on schedule.

The Wilberts became interested in model railroading about 20 years ago and have never tired of it.

Model railroading

means all-family fun

By John Richard Young



Dick examines a gondola while Lawson sits at the simplified control box. The bridge in the foreground is hinged at one end to allow people to enter and leave the room without having to duck underneath it. Station beside the control box is an exact duplicate of the station in Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Lester and Isabel Wilbert and their two teenage sons, Dick and Lawson, are partners in a family enterprise which they consider the ideal family hobby—model railroading.

The Wilberts' miniature ¼-inch-scale Milwaukee & Sheboygan Railroad, laid out in the basement of their five-room Colonial home in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, has given them countless happy hours of fun and companionship. Their family hobby has helped to develop a mutual understanding between the parents and the boys which many families in this jet-speed age find difficult to achieve.

"My wife and I," Les Wilbert says, "have tried to develop in the boys the habit of spending leisure time to advantage. We work hard and play hard, but playing can be more than just loafing. We have tried to guide the boys in developing ingenuity and persistence, qualities we all need in life. We have found model railroading ideal for this—and it's lots of fun, besides."

The satisfying features of model railroading as a family hobby, Les Wilbert points out, are its adaptability, its variety of interests, its economy, and its endlessness.

The hobby provides recreation for every member of the family, no matter how diverse his tastes or talents may be. Whether you prefer tinkering with complicated mechanics, modeling in wood, clay or plaster, painting or arranging landscapes, rigging up intricate electrical gadgets, swinging a hammer, or wielding a saw—or just relaxing in an easy chair while you control a miniature train scooting over a Lilliputian countryside—model railroading can provide the interest you like best.

As for economy—Les Wilbert estimates that operating his railroad, which [*Turn to page 147*

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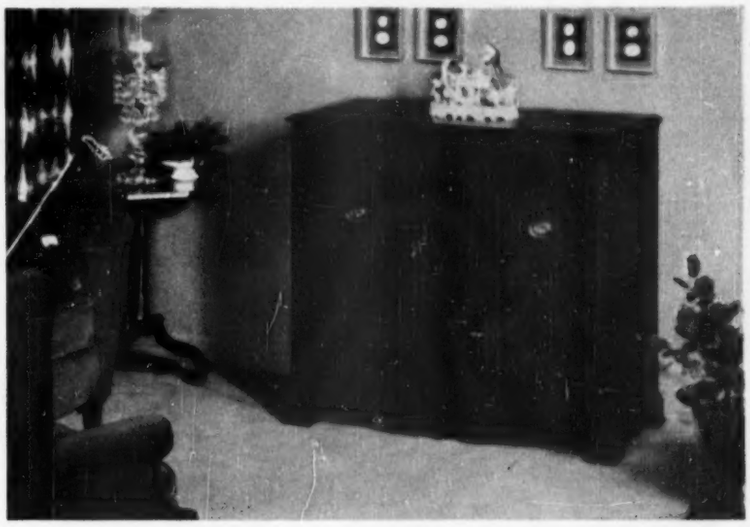

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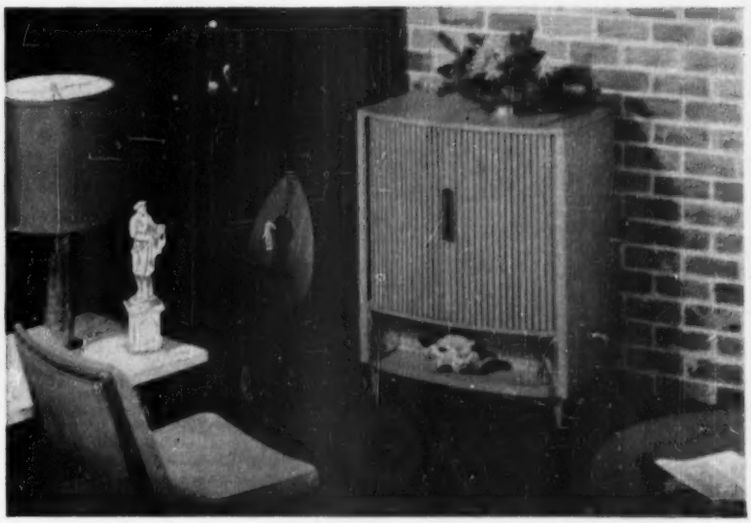

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is large as layouts go, encircling a 13x24-foot room, adds only about 10 cents to his monthly electric bill.

But best of all are the hours of fun and companionship the Wilberts enjoy together. There's never a dull moment, never an idle Sunday afternoon when everyone wonders, "What shall we do?" For a model railroad is never finished—there is always something more to be done.

Les Wilbert discovered his family's hobby at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1933. At that time his son, Les, Jr., was in rompers. "I'd already bought him a toy train such as many kids had," Les, Sr., recalls. "But I knew the lad would soon outgrow it. So I was on the lookout for a suitable hobby he and I could enjoy together as he matured. I don't believe in being a [*Turn to next page*

Mrs. Wilbert, also a partner in the family railroading enterprise, seldom runs out of figures to carve or scenery to paint. Landscaping the surrounding area is her specialty. She adds her artistic ability in this way, leaves the engineering to the other Wilberts

This is a portion of the industrial section of the Wilberts' layout which was modeled to scale from an actual setting. The buildings are painted on the wall. The lumber on the flatcar is matchwood

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mere parent; I've always tried to be a pal to my boys, too. At the fair I saw my first operating scale-model railroad. I knew right away that here was a hobby none of us would ever outgrow, a pastime various and complex enough to hold the interest of anybody of any age. It was just what I'd been looking for."

Les Wilbert bought an O-gauge train with a simple circular tract that could be put together and taken apart in sections, so that when not in use the layout could be stowed in a closet. But the layout stayed in use from the start and grew fast. Little Les was enthusiastic about "our railroad," eagerly pitched in to "help" build the small pike. He spent many of his happiest hours playing engineer, operating the train back and forth over the tracks while his father, as yardmaster, gave him signals.

Les, Jr., met an accidental death when he was 5. Dick, though only 2 years old, had also enjoyed watching the trains. Consequently, in a short time young Dick became chief engineer of the newly resurrected M&SRR. Three years later, Lawson was born. He eventually took over the job as yardmaster.

There was never any problem about interesting the lads in the hobby. They took to it with enthusiasm, as most children do.

Model railroading is essentially mock railroading in miniature. It is a very different proposition from operating a toy train on a simple circular or oval track laid down on the floor. The Wilberts' layout is constructed on wooden benchwork waist-high. Slim rails with switches that operate are actually spiked down in short lengths to tiny wood ties. The roadbed is covered with roofing paper that perfectly simulates fine gravel ballast. The countryside through which the railroad runs is built up and painted in realistic detail on a base made of plaster and sawdust; nearly as hard as cement but comparatively light in weight, this sawdust-plaster mixture was spread over a ¼-inch mesh wire frame.

Trees, shrubbery, bushes which add realism to the landscape, are constructed of hydrangea twigs, toy Christmas trees, pepper grass, tobacco plant, babysbreath, and pieces of sponge dipped in green paint. Modeled in proportion to the trains, they look like genuine vegetation. Clear glossy varnish simulates a river. In places, real sand, earth, and stones are used.

Miniature people and animals—about 500 of them—set down among buildings typical of the various locales along the right of way add life to the scenery. Tiny cattle, carved from basswood by Mrs. Wilbert, await shipment in a stockyard corral. Deer and sheep graze on a mountain through which is bored a tunnel. Autos and trucks (from a dimestore) fill the streets of Port Washington and Sheboygan, towns along the route. All these details are in proper scale with the trains.

The plastered walls of the layout room are covered with scenic panoramas painted in oils, showing distant countryside and sky that blend in proper perspective into the three-dimensional foreground scenery, so that standing in the center of the room one has the illusion of looking far into the distance. Giant airliners pasted to the painted sky have been cut from color photographs sent free on request by airlines.

There's no safety problem with electricity since only 12 volts, 3-5 amps is used. All the wiring of the layout is out of sight beneath the wood bench, the open sides of which are covered by rough brown curtains. This space under the benchwork can be used for storage.

"Isn't it easy to see, just by looking at this pike, the variety and endlessness of model railroading as a family hobby?" Les Wilbert remarks. "If you like electricity, you can get your fill of it, wiring up a complicated signal and switch system. If you're of an artistic bent, you'll never run out of figures to carve or scenery to paint. If you like landscaping—well, you have a whole miniature countryside to work on.

"If you're a born architect or contractor, you can build whatever structures suit your fancy. You can build or assemble new rolling stock. If you're mechanically minded, you can build a locomotive from scrap metal—that's a job worthy of any man's skill.

One of the "kinks" Les Wilbert installed which really won his sons' enthusiasm from the start is a simplified control box, similar to a trolley motorman's lever, by which the youngsters can operate the trains without need of supervision.

"I gave the boys a clear board to operate the layout whenever they wanted to," Les Wilbert says. "I encouraged them to invite their friends in to play at railroading with them. The kids certainly go for it, and we never have had to worry about Dick and Lawson hanging about street corners. They have more fun at home."

Later the Wilberts also installed sound effects in the form of a concealed mechanism that simulates the chug-chug sounds of a real train and enables the engineer to blow a whistle by merely pressing a button when the trains approach crossings and stations.

The Wilberts' layout encircles their 13x24-foot basement recreation room, but many model railroads are tiny enough to fit atop a small table or a drawing board and still be as completely "railroady" as larger layouts. There is

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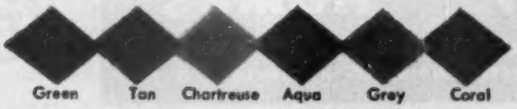

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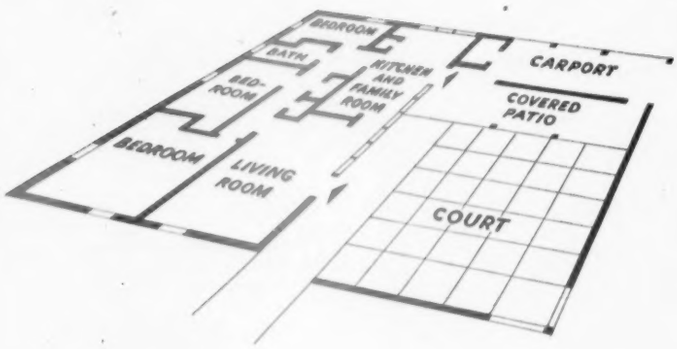

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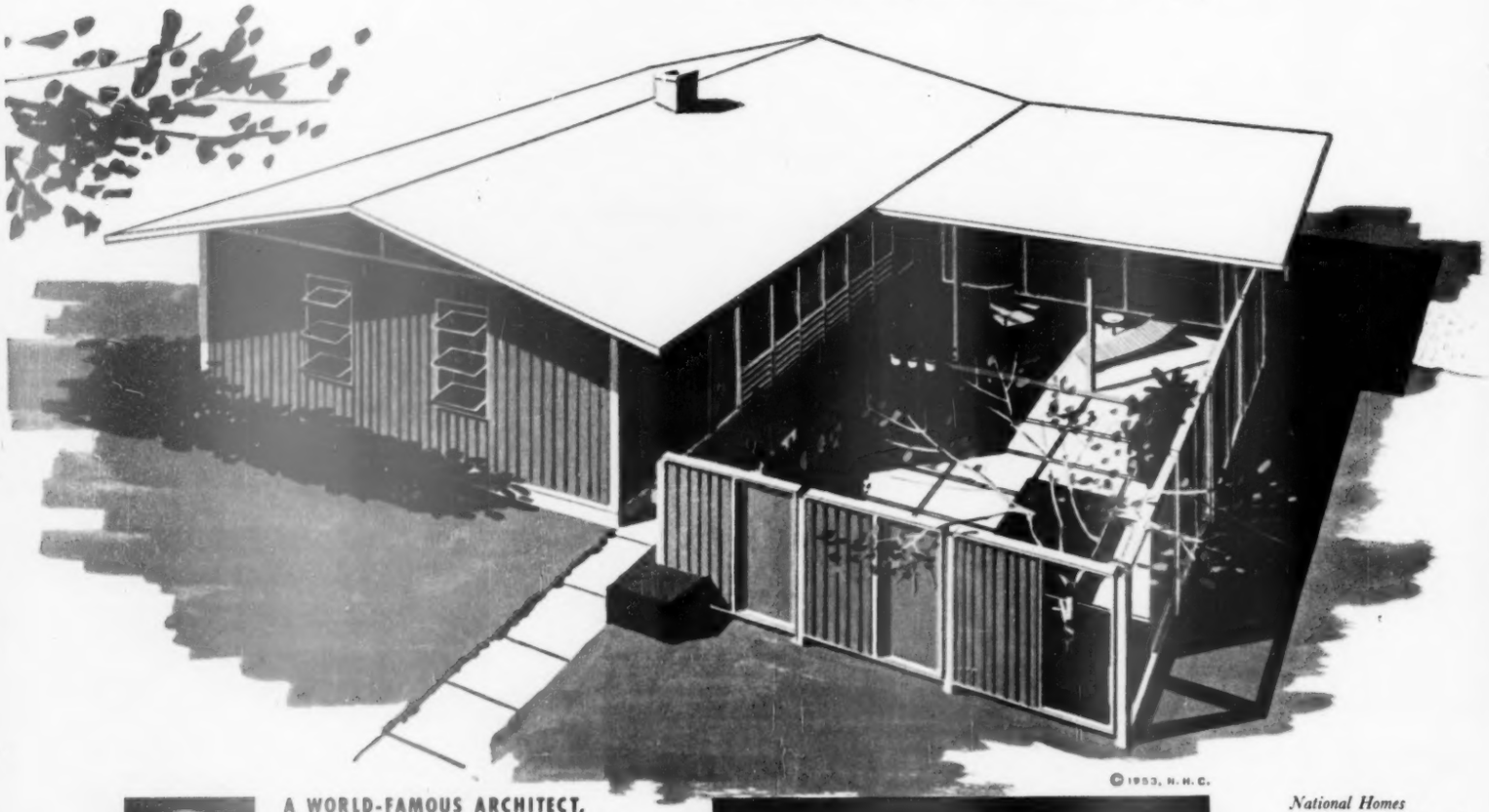

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a gauge (distance between the rails) and scale size to fit every space and every purse. The four most popular standard sizes are O-gauge, scaling ¼″ to 1′; S-gauge, 3/16″ scale; HO-gauge, 3.5 mm. scale; and TT (table top), the smallest, 1/10″ scale. The Wilberts' layout is O-gauge, but the most popular is HO (which stands for "half O").

Obviously, trains of large gauge can be more finely detailed for greater realism than smaller trains can be; but in the selection of a suitable gauge usually the most important question is: How much space is available for a layout? There is also, of course, the problem of cost; and O-gauge locomotive or passenger car, requiring more material than the equivalent in TT-gauge, naturally costs more. HO-gauge is most popular because it is large enough for excellent realistic detail, yet small enough to be economical and convenient.

Many model railroaders who live in confined quarters, even single rooms, use ingenuity to make the most of small available space. They construct a layout on plywood base about 3x5 feet or even smaller; the base is hinged across the middle. When not in use, the whole pike can be folded up and stored under a bed or behind a drapery.

One way of utilizing the full circumference of a room without losing any floor space is to lay tracks and roadbed along a ledge about 6 inches wide that runs around the walls at any height from waist level to up near the ceiling. At doorways or windows, the ledge can be hinged so that it may be raised out of the way, or it can be slotted and entirely removable.

Some model-rail fans construct layouts fastened to a plywood base that can be raised out of the way overhead by means of small pulleys set into the ceiling. Such an elevated layout, when pulled up to within a few inches of the ceiling with the bottom of the plywood base suitably painted or varnished, can be almost unnoticeable.

Isabel Wilbert still accuses her husband of building their home around their model railroad. "Maybe I did," Les says, grinning. "I knew this layout room would be the center of our family life—and it is. When I insisted that the gas and water meters be installed in a special place in the basement, the contractor thought I had holes in my head. But I stood pat and we got what we wanted."

When the family goes riding on a Sunday afternoon, they make a game of being always on the lookout for layout "props."

"The main thing in keeping youngsters interested is to be willing to give up some of your own time to them," Les Wilbert believes. "And get them, or encourage them to earn money for their own tools. It's much easier to develop a good craftsman's pride in good, well-cared-for tools if the tools are your own."

How much does model railroading cost? "As much or as little as you care to put into it," Les Wilbert says. "You can spend a small fortune on equipment—$400 or $500 for a custom-built locomotive—or you can make most of it yourself for practically nothing, using scrap and odds and ends. For example, pipe cleaners bent to shape, dipped in melted paraffin and touched up with a few dabs of paint make excellent little people. You can buy a miniature billboard for $1.50, or make a hundred billboards yourself and a dozen buildings out of a discarded fruit crate. Dimestores are full of props that can be used—the trinkets on charm bracelets, for example. I've seen swell layouts that represented as little as $50 cash, which was spent over a long period of time."

Wilbert points out that most model-railroad enthusiasts today buy kits and assemble their own locomotives, boxcars, and so on. It gives them the satisfaction of producing a real miniature at a reasonable cost and is mechanically within the skill of everyone.

For instance, it's possible to buy the finished parts for a refrigerator car, HO-gauge, for about $2.50, or O-gauge, about $4.50. Others you can buy include flatcars, stock cars, tank cars, cabooses, gondolas, and hoppers. Other model kits, such as stations, factories, stores, schools, farms, and so on, are available. The average locomotive kit costs from $15 to $30. It comes with all the parts machined, die cut, and motor assembled, so in about six to eight hours you can have it in running order. These kits can be purchased in most local hobby shops.

Few tools are needed to do the assembling—small screwdrivers, a hammer, and some glue. Instructions are fully illustrated with line drawings, perspective view of assembly units, and pictures to guide you step by step in the assembly of the model. Track (HO) costs about 25 cents a foot and is all ready to be fastened on a board. Anyone who has a little patience and is long on interest can get started.

There are several magazines devoted exclusively to the subject of model railroading. There is at least one model-railroad club in every fair-size city in the United States. And there is a national organization which holds annual conventions.

"But no matter how much you can afford or care to spend, you'll find that as a family hobby, model railroading pays off in dividends that cannot be counted in cash—comradeship, mutual understanding, and pure family fun," Les Wilbert says.

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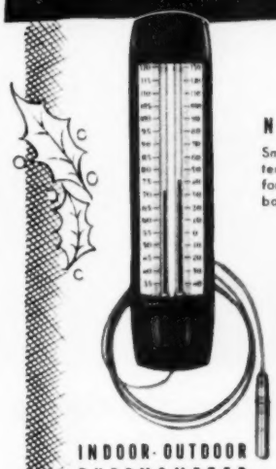

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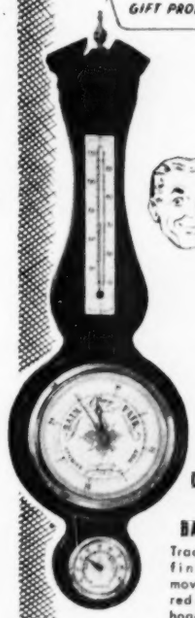

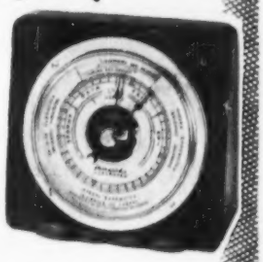

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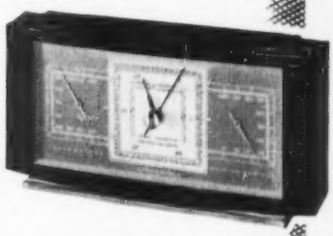

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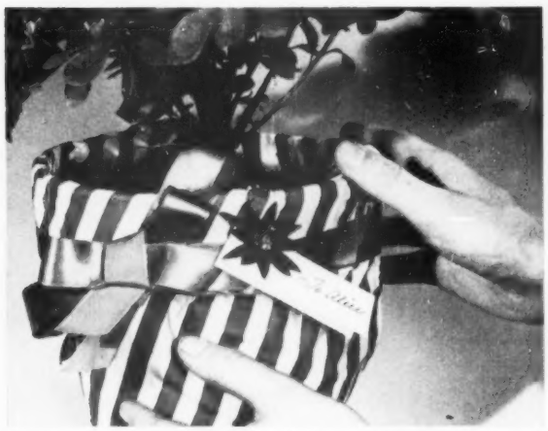

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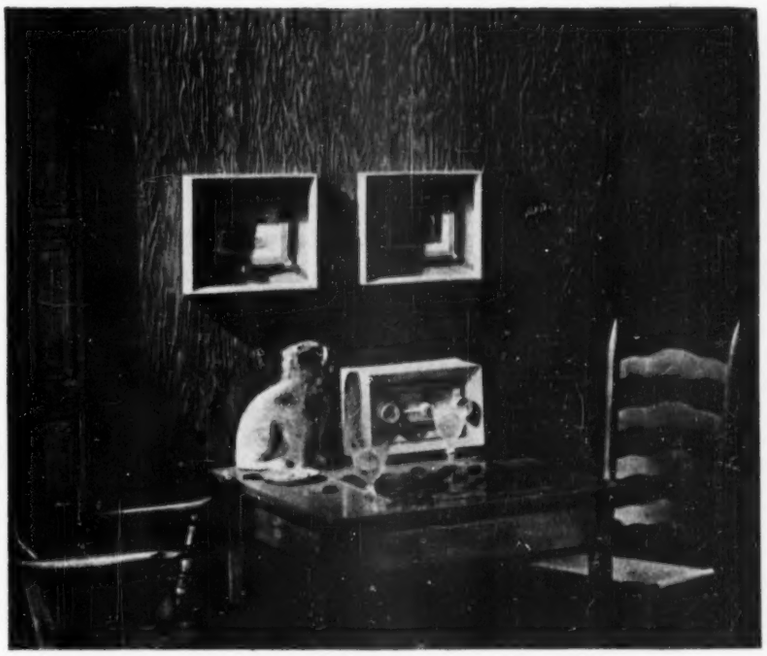

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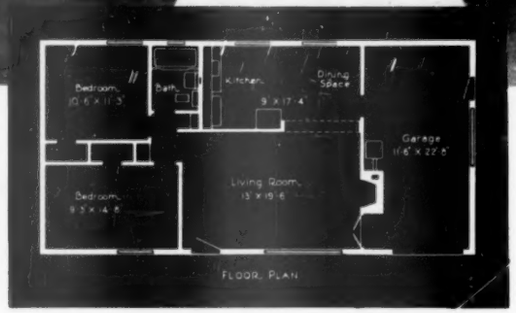

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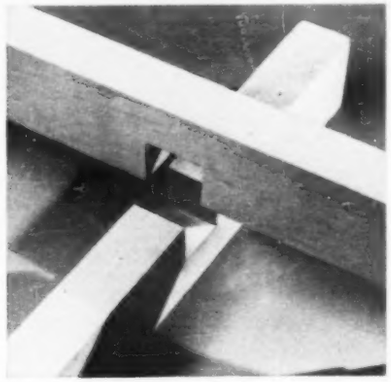
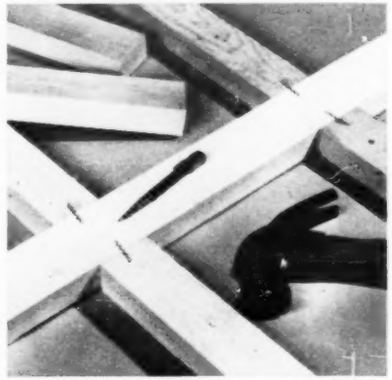
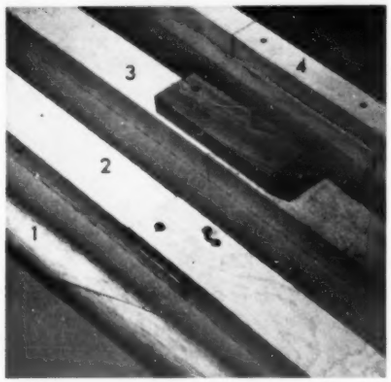
Two ways you can make crisscross joints



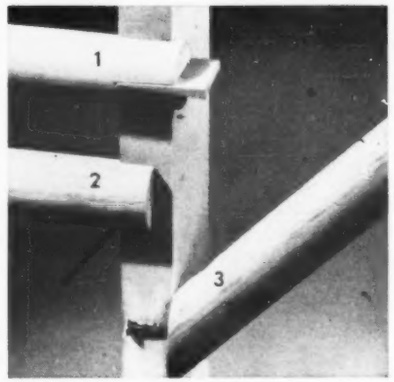
Cross-lap is easy, neat, convenient for cross-joint on a flat plane. Lay members at right angles, scribe widths, and then saw halfway through each. Clean out between cuts with a chisel, then use glue or mechanical fasteners



Opposing butts are false cross-lap, useful if you need many joints—as in egg-crate designs. Corrugated fasteners front and back secure joint—can be set, puttied, painted. Beware of splitting if you are using hardwood



Joining ends to increase length is easy with tapered splice (1), lapped ends (2), cleat (3), or long lap (4). When splice, cleat, or lap is long, you get a big glue area, and these joints can be stronger than the individual members



Join rounds to flat by treating them as dowels, as this cutaway model shows. Wedge (1) is sanded flat after it's driven. Blind joint (2) has part-way hole. Angled joint (3) is easiest as a butt joint, with screw as fastener

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It's only as good as its joints

In this dictionary of wood joints, find the one you need for your particular job of handyman building

The first problem a handyman faces whenever he starts to build something, is the technique of fastening two boards together . . . the selection of a kind of joint adequate to the job's needs in beauty, strength—and speed.

There's no sense in "overjoining" a simple project, and there's no wisdom in "underjoining" one that demands rigidity and great permanence. The right *joint* is just as important as the right wood. And many's the time your selection in joinery determines your design.

Here's the cardinal rule in joinery: *Make them fit.* Even with a simple butt joint, fit is important in a square-cut end. More complex joints are stronger and better only if they fit. Take time, making any joint, whether you work with power or with hand tools.

Seven ways to fasten corners

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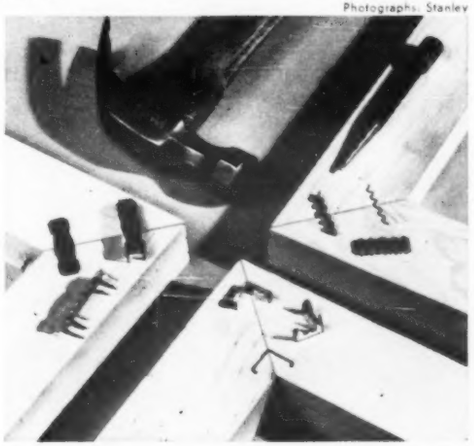
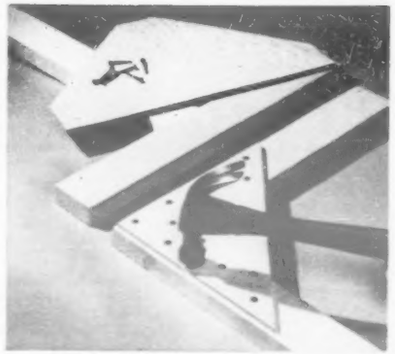


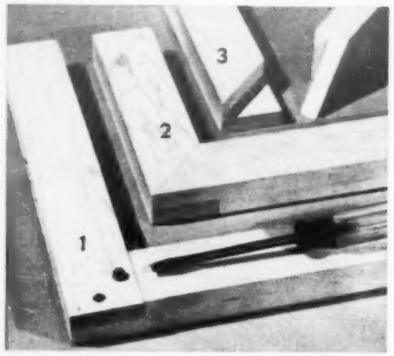
Mitered corners, for all but the roughest work, are stronger, neater than butt joints—and not much more difficult to make if you have a simple miter box.

Patented fasteners, such as those shown, simplify your construction, are stronger with glue. Some of them can be set below surface and covered with putty or wood plastic.

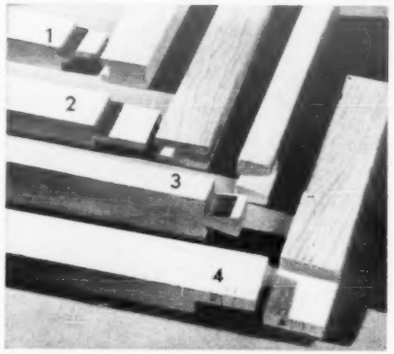
Cleats strengthen butt joints for stress in all directions. Use them when you need strong joints for light members and appearance is secondary. Nail ½ inch from edges so wood won't be so likely to split.

Quarter-inch plywood makes best cleats, because cross-grain lamination resists stress in all directions. The nails needn't go clear through, but if they do, clinch them for most strength with this type of joint.



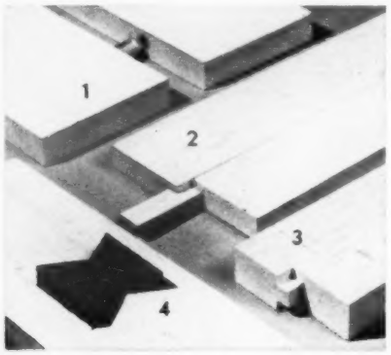


Half-mitering permits surface fastening technique on back (1), with miter's neatness on front (2). Cuts you make (3) are simple, and with glue on all surfaces, a snug-fitting half-miter is among strongest of all cabinet joints



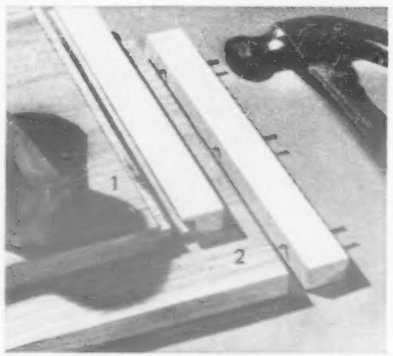
Haunch mortise (1) is common in screens, windows. Open mortise (2) is easier than mortise and tenon, has good strength when glued. Single dovetail (3) is self-locking, decorative. Half-lap (4) gives joint lots of gluing area

Five techniques for edge joinery



Edge joints need glue plus physical support. Dowels (1) are easiest with hand tools. Spline (2) is plywood strip in two grooves, differing from tongue and groove (3). Butterfly (4) is decorative in a contrasting wood.

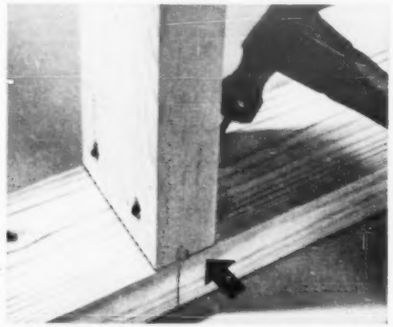
Secret of edge joint is edges planed perfectly straight and square. Don't attempt to pull up gaps with heavy clamping, or you will create unnecessary strains and stresses on the glued-up joint you've made.



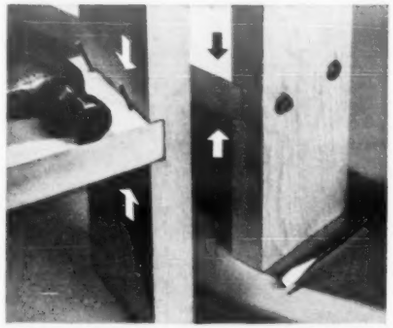
End cleats add strength, discourage warping of edge-glued jobs. You can tongue-and-groove them (1), or use nails or screws and glue (2) at ends of boards. Both methods eliminate the problem of finishing end-grain of boards.

Cleats on the end are a neat and quick alternative to back-cleating, when you're doing a quick edge-to-edge build-up of lumber without the use of glue in the joints.

Five stunts for strong butt joints



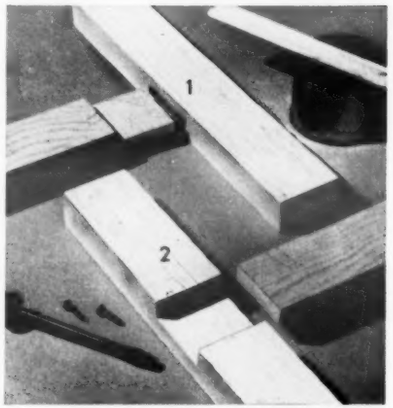
Toenailing, stronger than you think, is used mostly with heavy lumber, but it's good also with light stock, leaving face unmarred. Let nails on one side force stock out of line (arrow). Back-nailing returns piece to position



Dado method for butt joints gives you maximum strength against shear stress (arrows). Fasten it with screws through face, or with angled nails. Drive them from the bottom, and they won't show. Glue alone gives good joint

Mortise and tenon (1) is classic joint for strength and good looks in furniture. Lapped dado (2) is simpler if joint shows from one side only. Glue and clamp these joints, and you'll find them strong with no other fastener.

Time spent working up joints like these is time saved when you assemble, and the big pay-off is in final strength and good looks. As a good handyman, you'll soon form the habit of using the best joint for the job.



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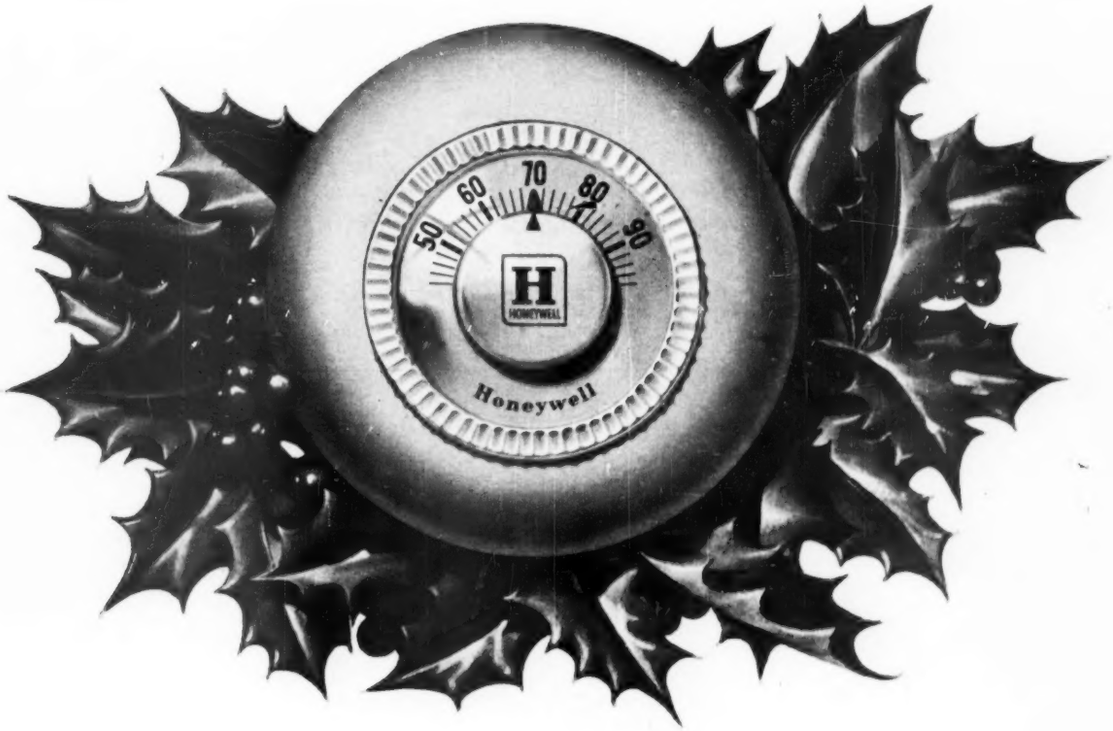

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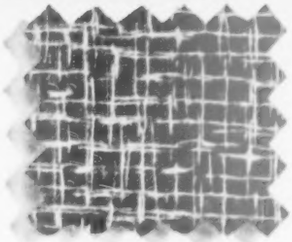

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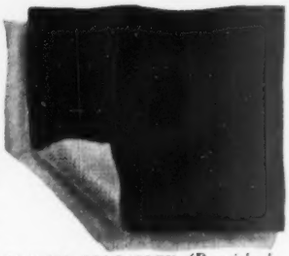

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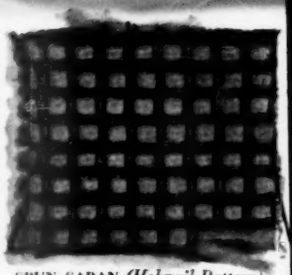

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Ways to wrap Christmas packages

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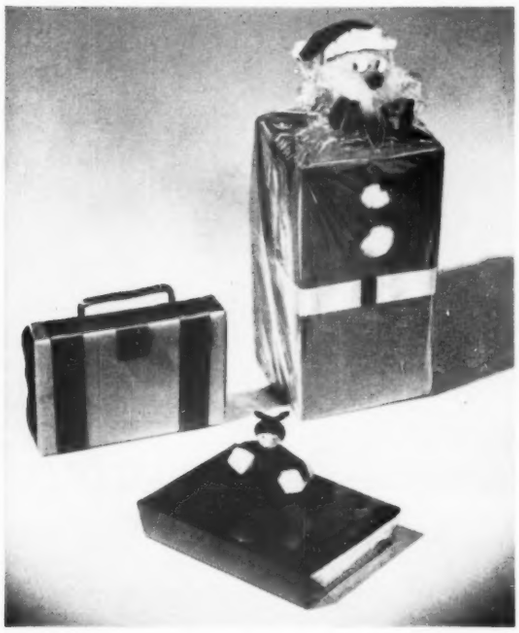

CAN'T you picture a child's delight when he receives a "Santa" package? Cover box with red paper; fasten white ribbon around middle. Buckle is red ribbon loop; buttons are cotton fluffs. Cover box with cellophane, gather at top with red ribbon; glue on "Santa."

Santa's head and nose are plastic-foam balls; eyes are white thumbtacks; whiskers are feathers or cotton. Cap is made of scraps of red felt, white chenille.

Little traveling bag is a box wrapped in foil paper and ribbon of contrasting color. Flat paper handle is covered with the same ribbon.

Center package has wooden figure standing on top. Its arms, made of felt, hold two pieces of plastic foam cut to look like packages. You can use plastic or crêpe-paper figures also. Paste felt to bottom of figure first, then glue to package. Figure will stick more firmly.

Here are fun-to-use wrapping ensembles to make gifts attractive. The triangular tags can later be used as bookmarks. The two bows on the package balance "Merry Christmas" in gold on woodlike background.

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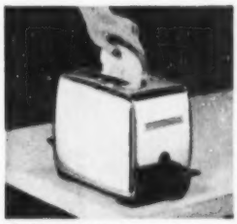

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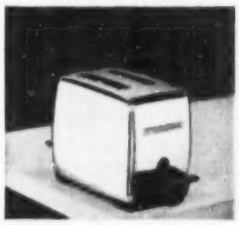

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Practical and wide, brick hearth is big contributor in making informal meals so carefree. Serving-counter divider separates work area.

Hanging shelf, above, has closed storage on the kitchen side. Note how the well-chosen accessories add interest and warmth to the pine and brick decorating scheme.

It's fun to live in the kitchen

By Eugenia White

This room was no accident. It was carefully planned for the kind of family fun and carefree living the Stafford Jacksons wanted in their new home in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

It's truly a living kitchen. There's space for eating, lounging, indoor picnicking (away from insects), television viewing, games, and parties (big and small). As their two children grow older, this will be a place for private entertaining. The furnishings are practical, ready for rough treatment.

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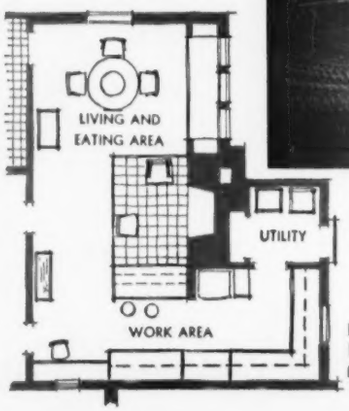
The Lazy Susan table is for more "formal" meals. It easily converts to a game table. The large window seat is an inviting place to stretch out for an afternoon nap. Television, on casters, is along the wall at left, out of the picture (see floor plan)

There's a planning desk for Mother in the work area.

The interesting hardware "dresses up" built-in cabinets and desk. A pigeonhole arrangement "organizes" bills, correspondence.



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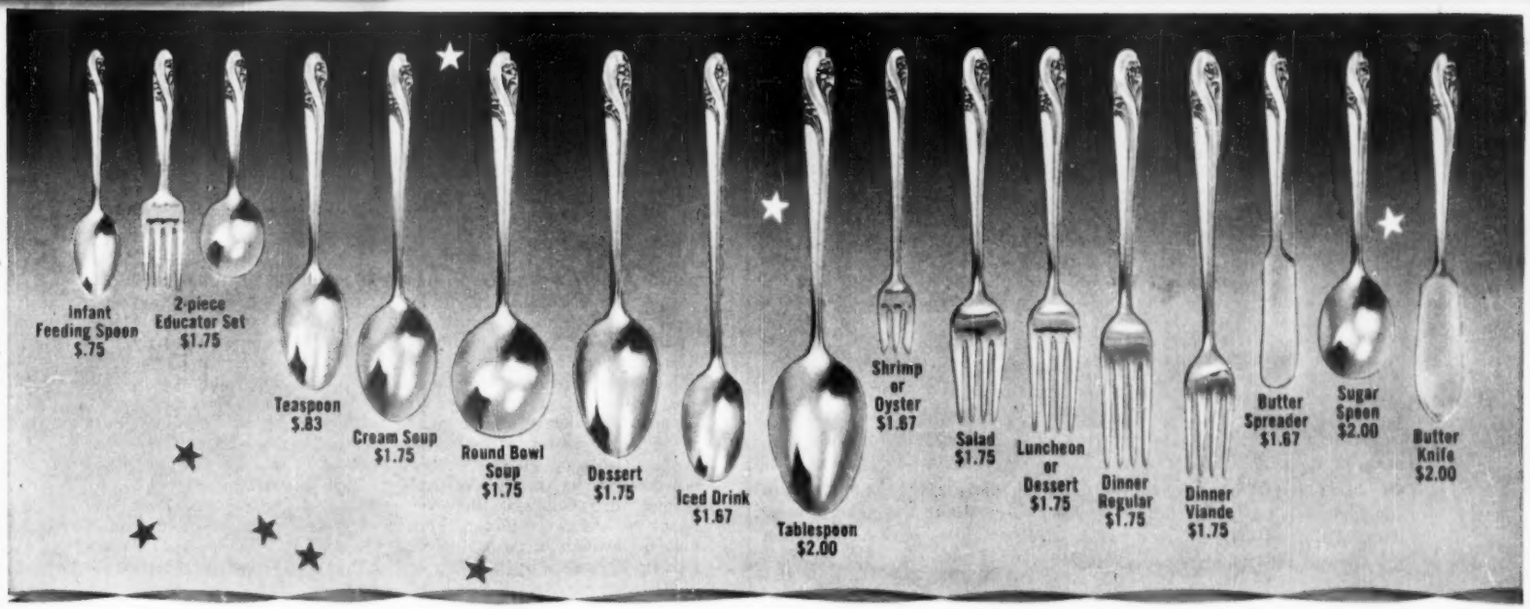

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All pieces shown (Romance pattern) are available in all patterns. If you can't visit your dealer now, write or phone. He'll gladly fill your order in time for Christmas.

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For soft lights. The mellow glow of this lovely commode with genuine crotch mahogany drawer fronts richly reflects the light of your favorite lamp. Authentic Sheraton cabinetry brought to modern perfection by Mersman. Ask for Mersman Table 7485.

. . . Or smart "at-homes." This genuine mahogany Sheraton hostess-helper serves everything from tea for two to refreshments for a roomful. Glass top protects the beautiful finish. Center drawer with genuine crotch mahogany front clears the top at party time. Ask for Mersman Table 7531.

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Accident and sickness insurance

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see your side. If he thinks the company is wrong, he has an awful lot of pressure he can put on it, because it has to come to him for a license to operate in your state.

Remember this one caution: If you buy from a company not licensed in your state—say by mail—then your commissioner has no pressure to bring to bear. This is not meant to say mail-order companies are chiselers, however. Many are sound companies. They may be licensed in the state even though they solicit by mail.

When an agent calls, you know the company is licensed in your state, because it is against the law for him to solicit for it if it isn't licensed. If you are considering buying a policy by mail, check with your commissioner first.

(2) *Companies fight a lot of claims.* They don't in proportion to the total number of claims. Look at it logically: Rarely is the amount of the claim as much as the cost of going to court. However, if a company feels a claim is improper, then it *must* litigate. Many a home-office claim man has paid some small claim he knew wasn't valid, just to preserve good will or save the expense of litigation—only to find himself under severe criticism the next time the examiners come around. "You have squandered funds that belonged to policyholders," they charge.

Litigated cases may make good "copy" for newspapers and sensational writers. Usually, however, they skim over the details. "Poor old John Jones fell down the stairs one night and broke his leg, and this great, big insurance company wouldn't pay."

When you get into the case, you find "poor old John" was caught in *flagrante delicto* by an irate husband and bodily thrown down the stairs, which certainly isn't an "accident." The money the "great, big insurance company" has to pay out is premiums it has taken in from you. Do you want your money being used to pay for injuries some character acquired as a result of doing something illegal?

(3) *Accident and sickness policies exclude all the important causes of disability.* Misunderstanding about claims sometimes arises because the insured does not stop to think that no policy can cover a condition or sickness which originated *prior* to the effective date of the policy, even though the sickness has not been apparent or the condition has not caused trouble in the past.

The principle of all insurance is to protect against certain perils that may occur in the future. It can't pay for perils that have already occurred.

A common example of misunderstanding is the case of a man who has suffered an inguinal hernia for years. It has caused him no trouble in the past. However, after he purchases a hospitalization policy, perhaps, the condition does develop to a point where hospitalization is required. He may then expect the policy to pay for the hospitalization; but it can't.

It is also common for insuring clauses to contain a "probationary period" for sickness. The clause provides that only those sicknesses which "are contracted and begin" within a certain time limit—say 30 days—of the effective date of the policy, are covered. The probationary period is designed to allow for the development of diseases which take days and even weeks in showing symptoms after actual exposure and contraction.

Some policies carry a clause to the effect that after a certain period of time—say two years—no claim shall be contested on the grounds that it is a result of a condition in existence prior to the effective date of the policy.

Always remember that while accident and sickness insurance covers *some* accidents and *some* sicknesses, it cannot cover *all*—at least it can't at a premium anyone could pay. Every policy contains certain exclusions. Before you buy, read the list of exclusions in the policy. They are in there plainly. By law, they can't be in type smaller than the rest of the policy. Read them and see exactly what you are covered for. If things are excluded that you think are important *in your case*, ask to see a policy with fewer exclusions—which, in general, will mean a larger premium. Some exclusions are common in all policies—hernia, as mentioned, for instance. Some, however, are included to reduce the premium, and are left out if you can pay more.

(4) *Exclusions are buried in the fine print.* Both the standard and the uniform provisions, one or the other of which is law in every state, prevent this.

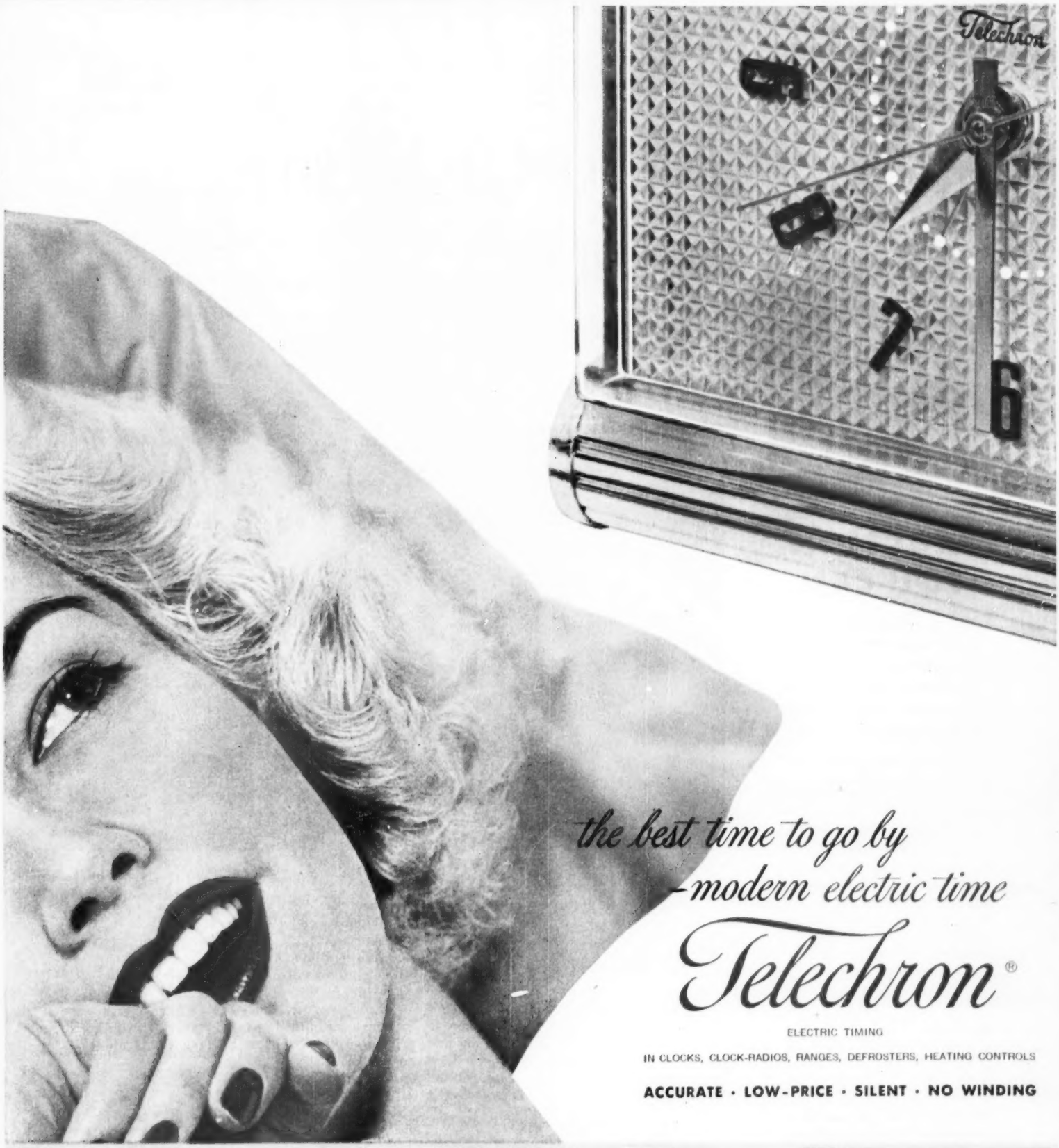
Seek advice

Now, how can you get advice on what coverages you should have? Look for an agent or an agency that is established in your community, making its living from your community. Being established is not only proof that the agent or agency gives service, but also that it is going to try to give you sound advice and service in order to get and hold your good will.

Statistics show that the average man does not save more than 1 month's salary out of 12. In other words, he has to work a year to pay accident or sickness bills that run as much as a month's salary.

Statistics also show that the average man has no more than three months' income in the bank. If accident or sickness cuts off his income, he is just three months from bankruptcy.

So, check on how much income your family would have if you were to die.



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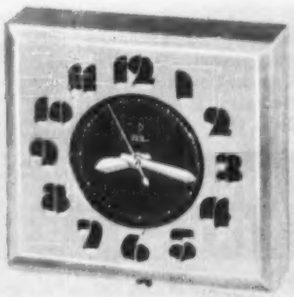

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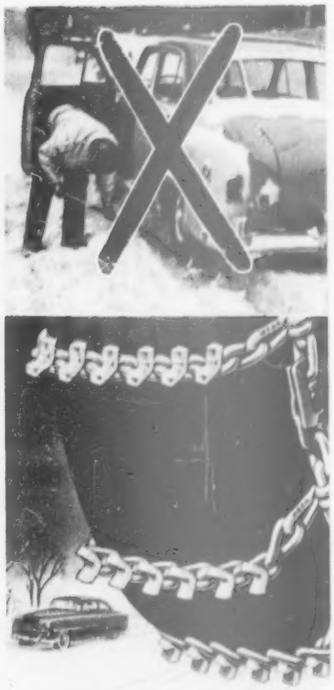

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THE FAMILY CAR

How to get the best price for your car

Millions of Americans will sell their cars in the months ahead. Here's how you can get the best possible price with a minimum of fuss and expense

Photograph: Pease

By Morgan Morris

There are three ways to dispose of a used car—turning it in to a dealer as part payment on a new or used car, selling it yourself through a classified ad, or "wholesaling" it by selling it outright to a dealer. Each method has its advantages and disadvantages. Whichever way you choose, there are a few preparations you should make before the actual sale.

Appearance is most important

Good appearance is the most important single asset for a used car. Have it washed and polished. Don't overlook out-of-the-way spots. A little dust on the body won't bother a prospective buyer half as much as a dirty glove compartment, which hints at careless ownership and possible hidden mechanical defects.

Obvious repairs should be made

Obvious faults should, if possible, be corrected before offering the car for sale. Neglecting them may force you to let the car come down in price out of all proportion to the cost of repairing the defect. If, however, the defect is relatively minor, it may be less trouble to point it out frankly to the prospect and offer to allow him for it out of the purchase price.

In any case, don't spend a lot of money repairing a car in the low-value bracket. It will sell for only a few dollars more than if you had sold it "as is."

Have an idea about the price

Having a definite idea of the local "going price" of your car will be helpful, whether you turn it in or sell it yourself through a classified ad. It will give you a basis for judging dealers' offers, and you'll have a clearer picture of what your new car will cost you in cash.

Read the automobile ads in your local paper for a few days and note the prices of cars similar in make, model, and year to your own. Be guided by the average prices; very low prices may indicate wrecks, while unusually high amounts usually reflect wishful thinking on the owner's part. You will [*Turn to page 167*

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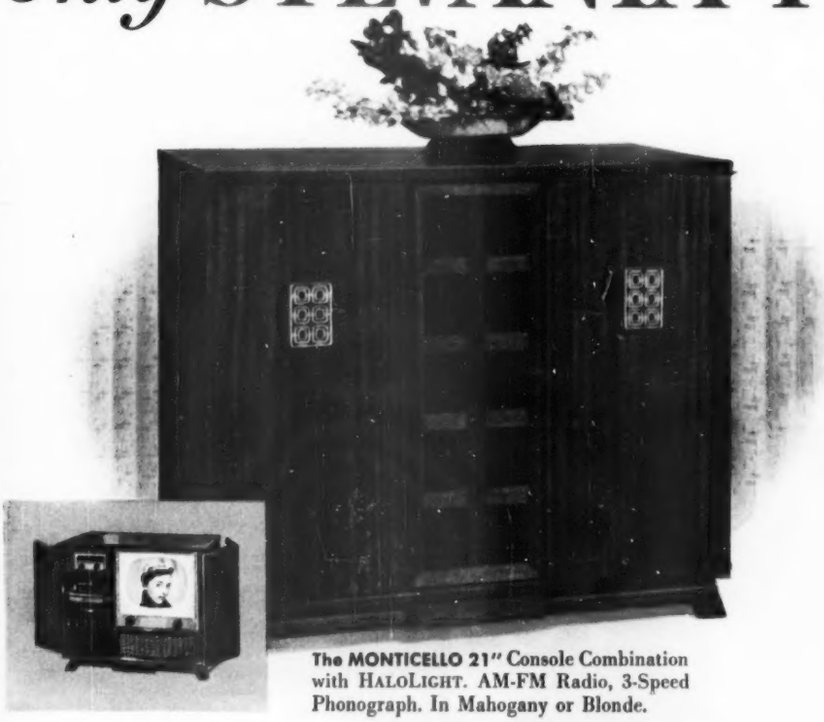

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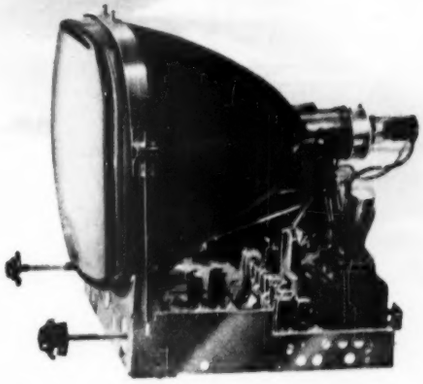

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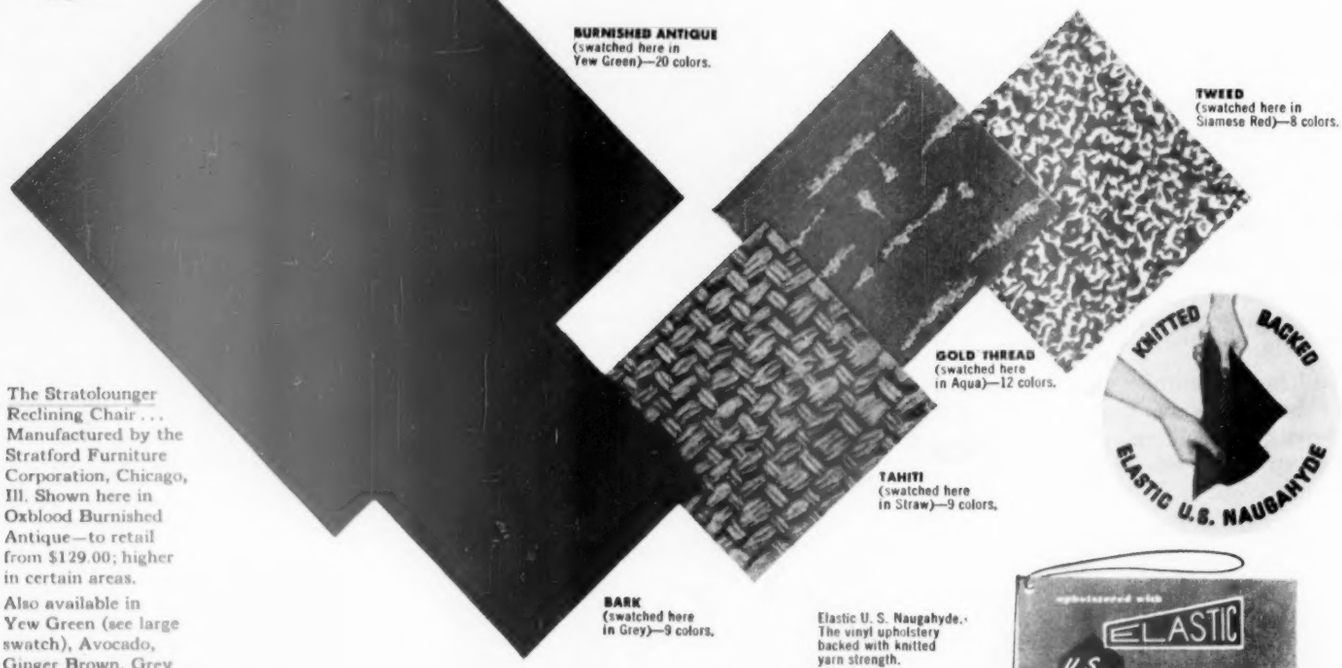

BURNISHED ANTIQUE (swatched here in Yew Green)—20 colors.

TWEED (swatched here in Siamese Red)—8 colors.

GOLD THREAD (swatched here in Aqua)—12 colors.

TAHITI (swatched here in Straw)—9 colors.

BARK (swatched here in Grey)—9 colors.

The Stratolounger Reclining Chair . . . Manufactured by the Stratford Furniture Corporation, Chicago, Ill. Shown here in Oxblood Burnished Antique—to retail from $129.00; higher in certain areas.

Also available in Yew Green (see large swatch), Avocado, Ginger Brown, Grey and Sandalwood.

Elastic U. S. Naugahyde.· The vinyl upholstery backed with knitted yarn strength.

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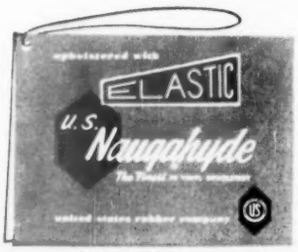

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Moving soon?

Better Homes & Gardens is a great help with the problems of settling in a new home. So, be sure you get every issue right on time. Let us know—at least five weeks before you move—what your new address will be.

And when you write, enclose a clipping of the address label from the cover of one of your copies. Write to *Better Homes & Gardens*, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

The family car

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notice that the latter ads have to be rerun many times and usually end by coming down to a more realistic figure.

Turning it in

Turning your car in to a dealer as part payment on a new or used car is the quickest and easiest way to dispose of it. But have a definite idea of its retail value when you approach the dealer. This will help you to compare various offers.

You will notice, in many cases, that the more popular the make the dealer is selling, the less he will give you for your old car. This is only natural, since his competitive position is a good one. Conversely, the dealer in less well-known brands is prepared to go higher to make a sale.

Whatever you buy, don't make the mistake of accepting the offer of the first dealer you visit. Shop around. Dealers vary widely in financial position, number of cars on hand, and other factors; there may be a substantial difference in the allowances offered you by two dealers in the same make. Don't hesitate to "bargain" on prices. It won't work every time, but you may save the price of a heater or a radio by a little patience plus getting a good idea of competitive offers.

Classified ad

It may be to your advantage to sell your car yourself, through a classified ad, especially if visits to a few dealers indicate they are unwilling to make you much of an allowance on your make and model. The dealer, in fact, may suggest that you sell it yourself, knowing that the less-popular cars will occupy showroom or lot space which he needs for more-salable cars.

Make your ad brief but specific. Try to give the reader a clear idea of just what your car is like. He can't desire a car he can't visualize. "'50 Apperson sedan. Good condition. Best offer. 180 Main St." is a poor ad, giving the reader only the vaguest idea of the car. Is it a four-door or two-door sedan? Is it Apperson's Big Eight, or economy size? How much is "best offer"? Heater? Radio?

A better ad would read—"'50 Apperson Eight 4-door sedan. New tires. Heater, radio. Perfect. $1,200. LO 8866, after 7." If possible, always give a telephone number. It's a lot easier for a prospective buyer to pick up a phone than to make a trip in search of your home. Also, it will save you from some of the idly curious, many of whom you can screen out when they call.

When the prospect arrives, let him inspect the car thoroughly. Again, don't try to hide defects, if there are any. If he discovers them himself, he will suspect there are other, more serious faults. If, however, you point them out to him yourself, offering to allow for them out of the price, he will be reassured by your frankness.

Accept nothing but cash or a certified check in payment, and never sign over the title until the full amount is paid. Only banks and finance companies are equipped to handle divided payments. Also, do not let a prospect or buyer drive the car (beyond the demonstration, during which you accompany him) while it is still registered in your name. You will be responsible if it is involved in an accident.

Finally, don't make any guarantees on your car. It's not really expected, and neither you nor the buyer can prove much in any case. If he later discovers that he was stuck, he won't need a guarantee to take you to court.

Wholesaling

If you don't turn your car in or sell it through a classified ad, but still must dispose of it, you can "wholesale" it—sell it outright to a used-car dealer. This is an expensive way to sell it. The dealer, without the incentive of selling you another car, will offer you as little as he possibly can. If you must get rid of your car quickly, however, be sure to take it to as many dealers as possible. Their prices are based on a nationwide survey to which they all subscribe. But one of them may have a call for your make and model, and will go a bit higher than the others to get it.

Sweet tokens from your kitchen

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Plain Pastry

1½ cups sifted enriched flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup shortening
4 to 5 tablespoons cold water

Sift together flour and salt; cut in shortening with pastry-blender or blending fork till pieces are the size of small peas. Sprinkle water, a tablespoon at a time, over part of mixture. Gently mix with fork; push to one side of bowl. Sprinkle next tablespoon water over dry part; mix lightly; push to moistened part at side. Repeat till all is moistened. Gather up with fingers; form into ball. Let stand several minutes. For double-crust pie, divide dough for lower and upper crust. Form each into ball. Chill for easier handling. Flatten ball slightly and roll ⅛ inch thick on lightly floured surface. If edges split, pinch together. Always roll from center out to edge. Use light strokes. Makes enough pastry for one 8- or 9-inch double-crust pie or 4 to 6 tart shells.

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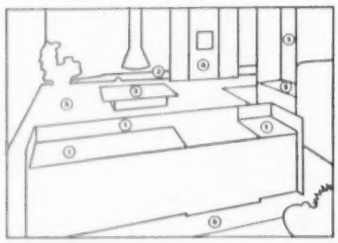

1. Clay tile countertop and splash back. 2. Informal clay tile dining fireplace. 3. Clay tile patio area. 4. Decorative clay tile wall panel. 5. Clay tile cupboard-workspace. 6. Practical clay tile floors.

Architect Nemeny's idea-packed "living" kitchen shows you how colorful clay tile can brighten your homelife and lighten your chores in so many busy areas. In new construction or in remodelling, clay tile gives you lifetime convenience and beauty, freedom from waxing and refinishing, and surfaces that resist heat, moisture, scratching and fading practically forever. Madame and Sir, that's real economy! See colors and designs at your local tile contractor.

Send 10c for clay tile idea book and detailed folder on George Nemeny kitchen. Write to Tile Council of America, Dept 3, Room 3401, 10 East 40th St., New York 16, N. Y., or Room 433, 327 West Seventh St., Los Angeles, California.

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Christmas gifts for the handyman

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Portable sander makes thousands of swift sanding movements per minute, while you guide it effortlessly over the work.

The motor drives sander pad in tiny orbital movement in orbital action, and weight of tool is all it takes to make the wood smooth fast. It uses extra-tough paper: $49.50. Black & Decker Manufacturing Co.

Angular brush is specially designed for painting around glass and on trim when it's different color from walls.

Angled tip makes cutting edges easier and lets you see what you're doing. Widths: 1 inch up. Handiest in $1\frac{1}{2}$-inch size: $1.85. Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

Wrecking bar pulls nails that would break a hammer handle—pries apart construction you want to tear down for any reason.

One end is flattened to use as a pry as you loosen joints. Other end is a curved nail claw which no spike can resist. About $1. Warren Tool Company.

Molder head converts a power saw into a shaper of wide versatility.

Head, for $\frac{1}{2}$- or $\frac{5}{8}$-inch shafts, has seats for three knives which position automatically when tightened with setscrews of a special design.

There are three knives included, many more are available; priced at $9.95. Delta Power Tools, Division of Rockwell Manufacturing Co.

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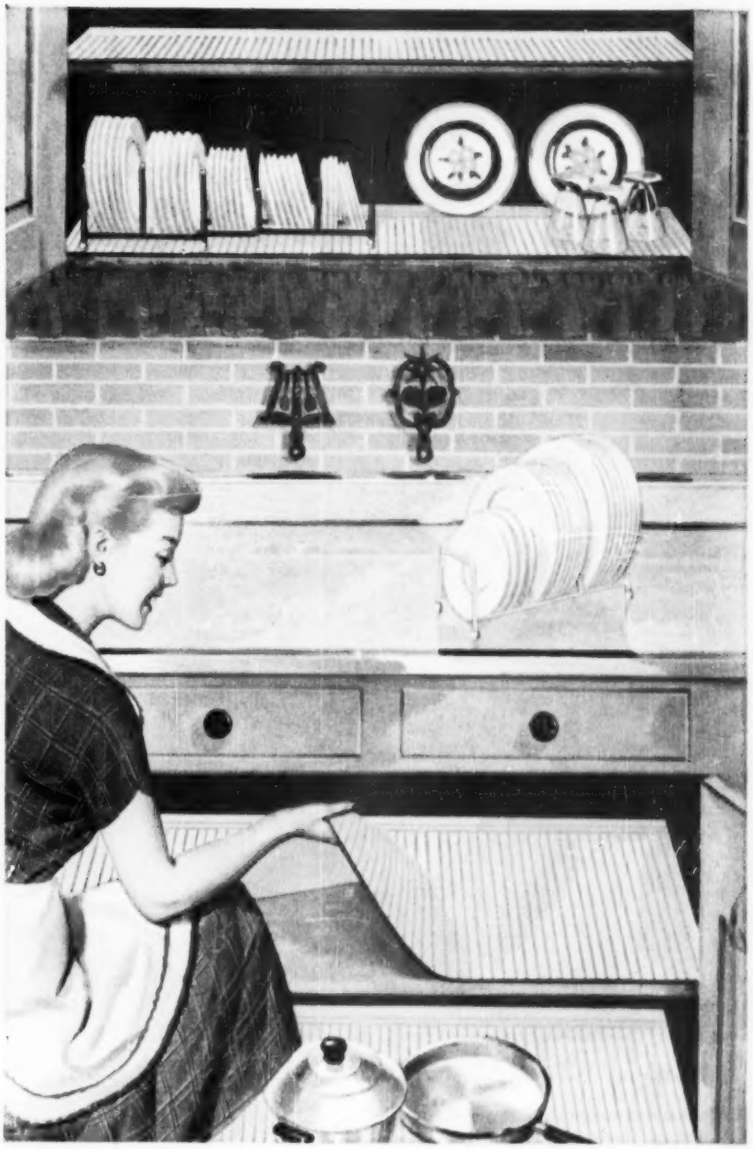

Here's an easy, permanent way to dress up your cupboards for Christmas

... *Rubbermaid Shelf-Kushions*

You'll give your cabinets cheery brightness for Christmas and all year 'round . . . when you protect them with Rubbermaid Shelf-Kushions.

They're *permanent* rubber shelf-liners that cushion your cupboard shelves, protect your dishes, add color to your cabinets. Shelf-Kushions are easy to install . . . and they never need *replacing*. Simple to keep neat, too . . . they wipe clean with a damp cloth.

You can get Shelf-Kushions to fit both wall and base cabinet shelves. Wall Cabinet Shelf-Kushions come in standard $11\frac{3}{4}$-inch widths, and your choice of 24, 30 or 36-inch lengths. Priced from $1 to $1.35. Base Cabinet Shelf-Kushions are extra-long and extra-wide for complete undercounter shelf protection. Standard size, 22 by 36 inches, $2.98.

Rubbermaid Plate Racks are good news for cupboards, too. They end plate-stacking, prevent chipping. Regular size, 6 by 11 inches, $1.49. Large size, 6 by $20\frac{1}{4}$ inches, $1.98.

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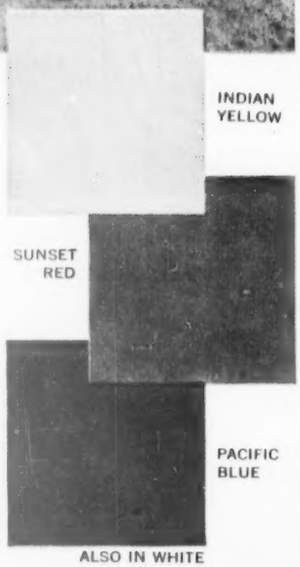
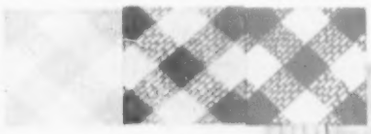
Arvin dinettes designed by Raymond Loewy are the longest forward fashion-stride in modern home furnishings—bringing fresh functional smartness into living-dining areas, kitchen or sun porch. And thanks to their success the country over, they are now offered at *much lower prices!*

The Arvin "Princess," above, superbly reflects the latest style-trend toward black and white with lively color accent. Legs and trim are finished in wrought iron black. The black and white Allegro pattern of the 30" x 45" table contrasts with Duran-covered chairs in any of the three decorator colors shown at right, or in Snow-White.

Whatever your personal space and budget requirements may be, one of the many lovely Arvin dinette styles will fit them perfectly. See the Arvin dinette line—at prices ranging from $59.95 to $149.95—at your furniture or department store.





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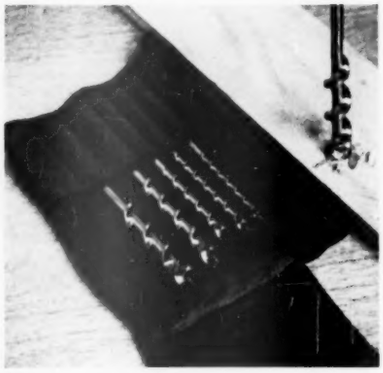

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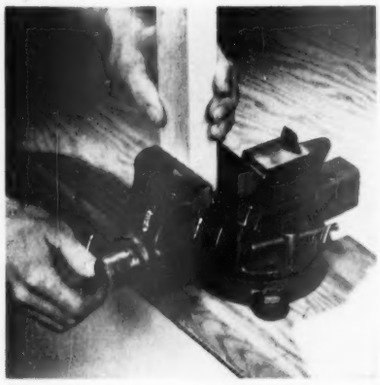

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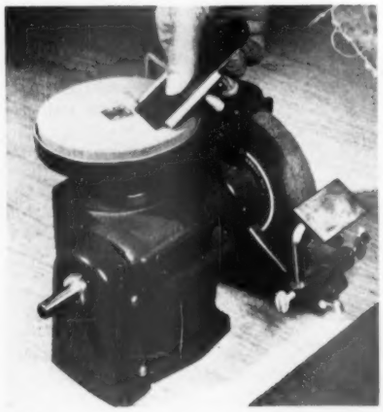

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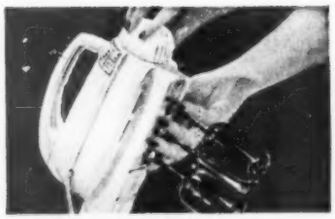

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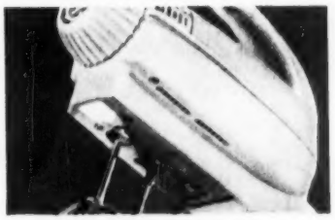

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Make thinking a game for your children

By D. L. Fitch

Here's a living-room and dinner-table suggestion for helping your children learn how to think. Mental awareness and the ability to think constructively come faster to children when their parents provide stimulating fun through "thinking games."

"Jay, why don't you race Daddy through the Mozambique Channel?" My wife may say suddenly from her knitting some evening, to start off a game.

A pair of knee-worn size 7 jeans whip off the love seat and over to the bookcase.

"Pooey! *Any*body knows where that is."

At the same time, my seat-worn size 32 jeans take off for the bookcase from my easy chair. For a few seconds the pages of two different world atlases flutter in the search for the right map.

The size 7s beat the size 32s back to Mother.

"Right here, Daddy, on the map of Africa, way down on the east coast."

This, pride forces me to say, I already knew, for Jay and I were playing a game revived from my own childhood, when I used to play it with two older sisters. But I've learned that in the thinking games my wife and I play constantly with our kids, they learn to think faster when they win—most of the time. And they really don't believe their daddy is so dumb. . . .

"What's the name of that big island, there?" I asked.

"Mm-a-a. Mmmm-a-ad. . . ," Jay began to sound out.

Judy looked over Jay's shoulder. "Madagascar," she said with an 8-year-old's superiority, and she went back to her reading of Kipling's *Jungle Book*.

I looked at her mother. "Did you know where it was?"

"Not exactly," she shook her head.

Jay sprawled on the floor for a while, studying the map. Then he put the atlas away.

"How did you happen to know where the Mozambique Channel is?" I asked my wife.

"Oh, Judy and I found it on your big globe upstairs once when we were looking at it."

This wasn't the first time Jay or Judy and I had raced to someplace on the globe. To the capital of New Mexico . . . to the Ural Mountains . . . to the mouth of the Amazon. But it was the first time either of them had ever translated a segment of the globe into the flatness of a map printed on a page in a book, and I was proud of Jay. It was one more instance of the pay-off my wife and I have had from our pleasant habit of playing thinking games with our two oldest children.

Mind you, neither Judy nor Jay is a child prodigy. This I know. They're my kids. But both of them have (and this is only a moderately prejudiced opinion) better *operating* minds than their playmates whose parents have never taught them how to put on their thinking caps. Ronnie, Bobby, Ruthie, and Barbie probably have better heads . . . but Judy's and Jay's seem to *work* better.

The reason is that we have always played games which stimulate them to think on purpose, not just by accident. Especially at mealtimes, we've had our thinking games.

So often, when a family gathers for a meal—that rare and blessed moment when they're all together in one room—the parents have their problems of householding and breadwinning to discuss. The children, after an entire day of chattering play, are about talked out. All they can think of, conversationally, is to wrangle with one another and wonder if there is any dessert, unless they are led into conversation by the grownups.

But—did you ever stop to realize how few subjects there are which parents and their small children can talk about for long? A question which might set off an evening's discussion among adults is stonewalled with a terse answer from a child. He has covered it, as far as he is concerned.

But with games it's different. We started all this when Jay was 3 and Judy was 4. (Actually, there are 22 months and a lot of rivalry between them.)

"What has two wheels, Jay?" was the first question that evening at dinner four years ago.

"A big boy's bike," he said.

"What has three wheels?"

"A regular bike, like mine." (His was a tricycle, but both kinds were called "bikes" by the group of children he played with.)

"Four wheels?"

"One roller skate."

"Five wheels?"

This took some cogitation for a 3-year-old mind. "An automobile," he said at last.

Judy giggled derisively, then clapped her hand over her mouth in mortification. "Oh—I forgot the steering wheel," she admitted.

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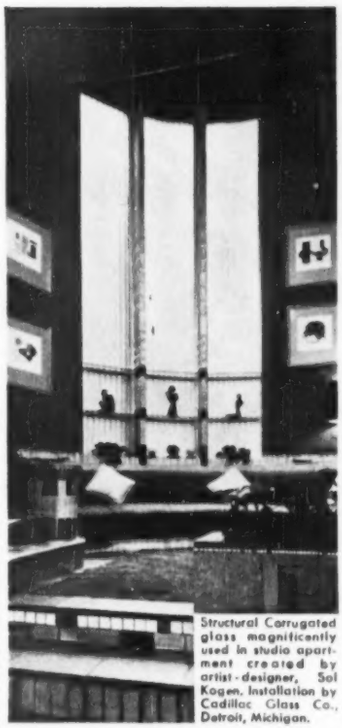

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Make thinking a game

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having an answer ready myself, I asked: "Judy, what has one wheel?" It stumped her.

"A wheelbarrow," Jay said witheringly.

I was a little amazed. I realized that I probably wouldn't have been able to name a one-wheeler myself, without a lot of thought.

That set off the thinking-game idea, for I realized that the questions I had been asking more or less idly were stimulating thoughts in little minds that were quite capable of *consciously directed activity*.

Actually, children's minds *are* aimless and harum-scarum. They think only about that which pops into their heads. They aren't required to do any forced or straight-line thinking, never asked to figure out things for themselves; all that has been done for them by their parents since birth.

Many people never learn how to think about what they *need* to concentrate on, and their inability to do so dogs them all their life.

Forcing oneself to think about a single subject for any length of time is hard work. Try it yourself, and see. If a little child can be *induced* to think along specific lines, even for short periods, the practice will be good for him. It might make the task easier when the day comes for concentration in schoolwork—and even later, when the ability to think constructively might be a help in earning a living.

The benefits from our thinking games seemed to show in our children right from the beginning. One of the earliest games was "What's the opposite of. . . ." It was more than vocabulary training, for the answer was often a thought-out description of the opposite, instead of the specific word, which the kids might not know.

One evening, our exceptionally smart neighbor boy was at our house for dinner, and we fell to playing "What's the opposite of . . ." as a sort of defense against the noise. The rules were free-for-all, but our neighbor didn't seem to be getting in fast enough with the answers. So I called on him specifically.

"Chuckie, what's the opposite of white?" I asked, keeping it simple, hoping he'd catch on.

"Mmm—ah—m . . . mishmosh," he said—and that is a direct quote.

He knew he should say something, but he couldn't *think* of anything to say. Chuckie is as smart as—or smarter than—either of our kids. But his parents just haven't ever taken the trouble to help him learn how to use his mind.

Some of our games call upon the children's memory, some of them on their ability to think creatively and deliberately.

"What color are the shutters on Grandma's house?" (They'd spent a couple of weeks there two summers before—and they knew, as soon as I had straightened out which grandma I meant.)

"How many members of the cat family can you name?"

This one quickly consumed tigers and lions and alley cats and the like.

Gradually our thinking games turned to simple mathematics—actually counting on mental fingers and toes, which is a form of concentration. And they turned to music.

"Who is this?" my wife would ask, whistling with relative accuracy a few notes from *Peter and the Wolf*.

"The grandfather"—a quick answer from both of them.

"Who drives a Ford?" . . . "Who drives a Chevrolet?" . . . "Whose car has a red radiator grill?". . . "Who drives a Lincoln?". . . "What kind of a car do the Dexters have?"

As the kids have grown older, I can't help noticing the greater readiness of their answers, despite the increasing difficulty of the games we play. When Jay began drawing freehand maps, we capitalized on this interest with games about geography. Judy came home one day with an interest in words like "dinosaur," and for a while our games ran along prehistoric lines.

It was my wife who began the "What would you do if . . ." game. Decidedly the foresighted member of our family, she believes it is important for people to be able to plan what they would do under certain predictable or partially predictable circumstances. The person who always seems to have the perfect, instantaneous solution to a problem has more likely thought of it before and has the answer at least partially figured out, she reasons.

"What would you do if the house caught on fire?"

"What would you do if a stranger offered you a ride to school?"

I think the benefits of this were well illustrated last summer while we were spending a few days at a cottage with another family. The water at the end of the dock was deep; none of the children could swim well enough to make our minds entirely easy.

"What would you do, Timmie, if Jay fell off the dock?" I asked the other little boy.

With admirable bravado but not much logic, he said: "I'd jump in and save him, boy."

Jay eyed him curiously with obvious alarm.

"What would you do, Jay, if Timmie fell in?"

The temptation was strong to display as much of the he-man as his playmate's reply had indicated. But Jay had played thinking games.

"I'd yell for help as loud as I could," he said.

Both Judy and Jay are Hopalong fans, but they have a sort of contempt for the bang-you're-dead Hopalongisms. When we've played cowboy thinking games with the children, we've stuck pretty much

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"So it can't get away."

"Well, of course, but *why*?"

A couple of seconds later . . . "So he can go get the branding iron out of the fire and brand it." This with a certain exultation at having figured out an answer by himself.

By making Jay think out for himself the answers to questions that are within his scope, we've developed an interesting variation of "Why, Daddy . . . ?"

Wandering into my workshop, he'll say, "I know why you're doing that, Daddy—because if you bore a little hole first, then the screw won't make the wood split."

His answers-in-advance to his own "why" questions aren't always correct, but when they are wrong, I let him think he's at least half right, sometimes adding, "And another reason is . . ." I like that game—I like Jay telling me why I'm doing something. I like thinking better than wondering.

We've graduated just lately to the old game, "Twenty Questions." The kids heard it on the radio and wanted to add it to our list of dinner-table games. At first my wife and I had to think up the subjects—and the children did a lot of wild guessing. But now they've learned to think out questions which narrow the field, and lately they're the ones who think up the mystifying subjects. Not such obvious things as their baby brother's nose and the like, either.

The "swish-swish" in "Windshield Wiper, Swish-Swish."

Let's be emphatic about this. I do not think our kids are one single cell of gray matter smarter than those next door or across the street. But when it comes to *making their minds do something*, I believe they have the edge on children whose parents have never taken time to stimulate productive thought in their offspring.

Why don't you try it with your own smart little children? Make up your own games, guided by *their* interests—not your own. Thinking games can help condition those fertile little minds in a way that will help them all through their lives.

Let me warn you, though, it may get you into trouble.

The other evening I wanted to make a comment about a neighbor family, and I camouflaged their name by referring to them as the "Konkenbrushes," fairly sure my wife would catch on.

"Daddy," Judy said soberly, "before you go any further, so that Jay and I will know, too, which are you talking about—the Conklins or the Quackenbushes?"

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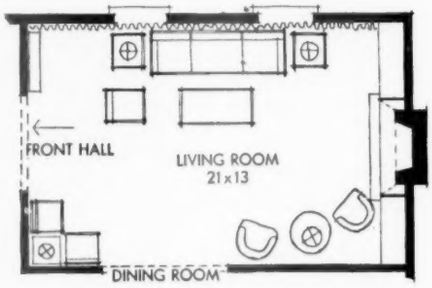
AFTER See what a warm, inviting look the same wall has now! Built-in shelves for books and magazines, cabinets for storage cover the entire wall. Grass cloth lines the wall at the back of the shelves, and is used on the doors of the cabinets. The wood was stained a dark brown to harmonize with the deep tones of mahogany furniture and contrast with grass cloth



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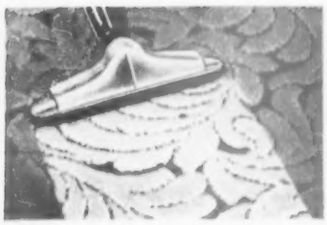

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Closets double as partitions between the three bedrooms. There's a double closet in owners' bedroom. Full-length closets store suits, dresses, and coats; hats and seasonal articles are kept above. Note handy shelves for small items, racks for shoes on back of closet doors

budget-minded

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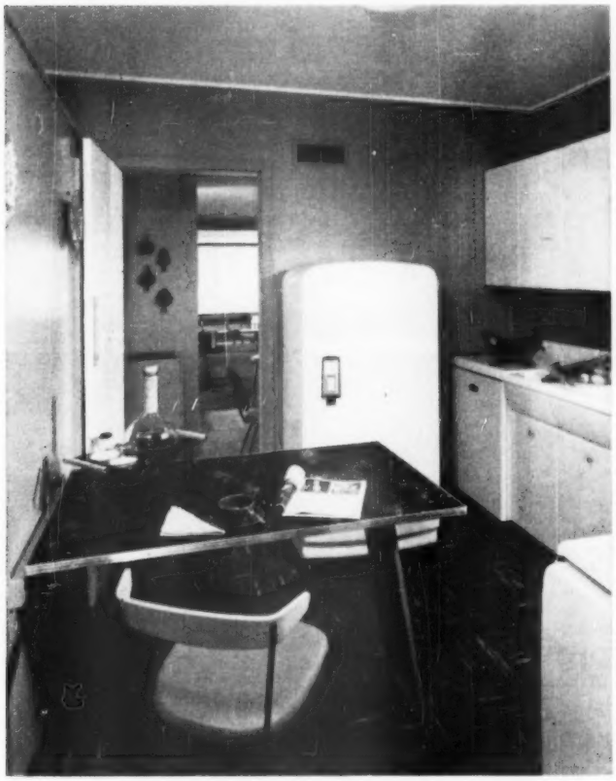
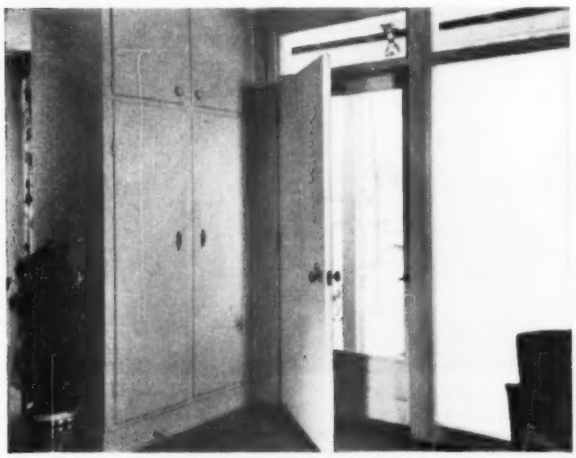
Every cubic inch of space is put to work in this small house. Closets serve as partitions between rooms as well as providing storage



Kitchen is small, compactly planned. Features like fold-up breakfast table make the most of limited space (or washer could be recessed in space where table joins wall, as shown on plan). Note wall at left does not reach ceiling, allowing light into kitchen from storage-room windows. There's a door from carport directly into kitchen for deliveries



Closet sets off an entrance area without sacrificing space to a hall. It also blocks view from entry of the dining area and kitchen beyond. Closet is the only partition between living and dining areas. Panel of translucent glass (right) keeps entry bright without loss of privacy

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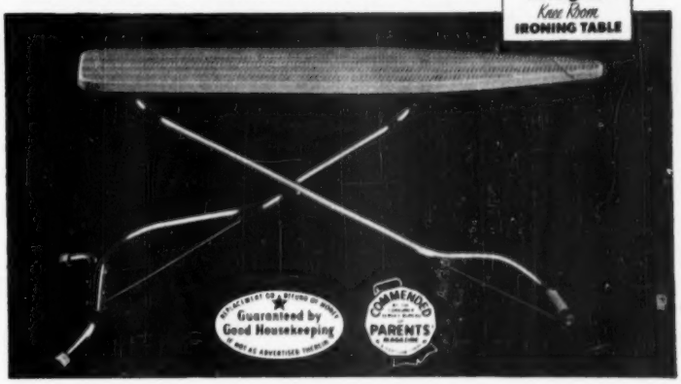

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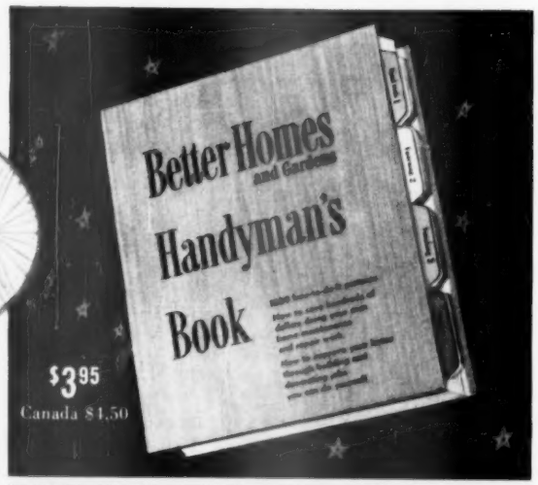

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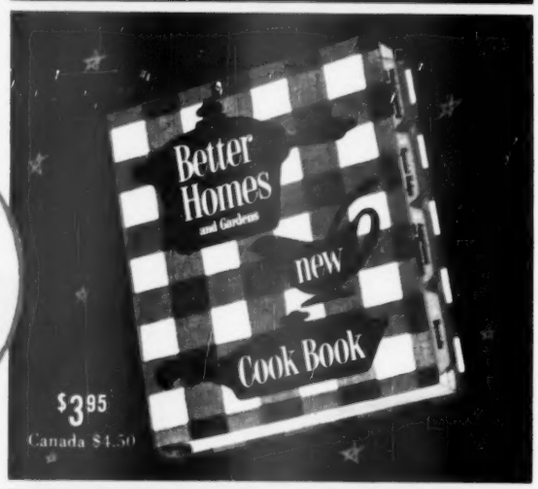

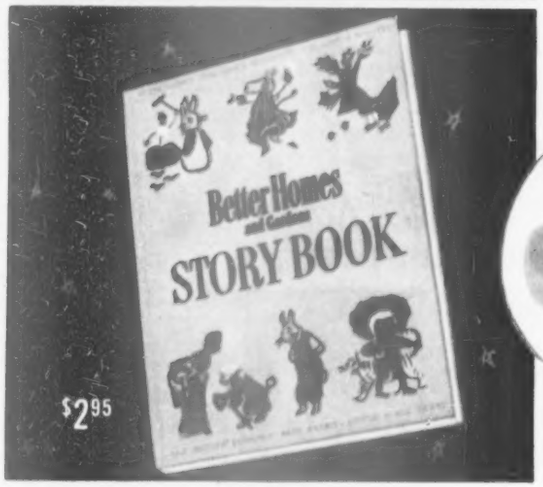

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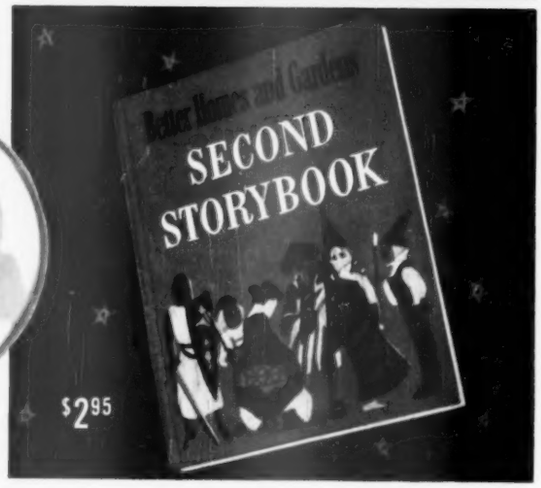

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—*Mary V. Farnum*

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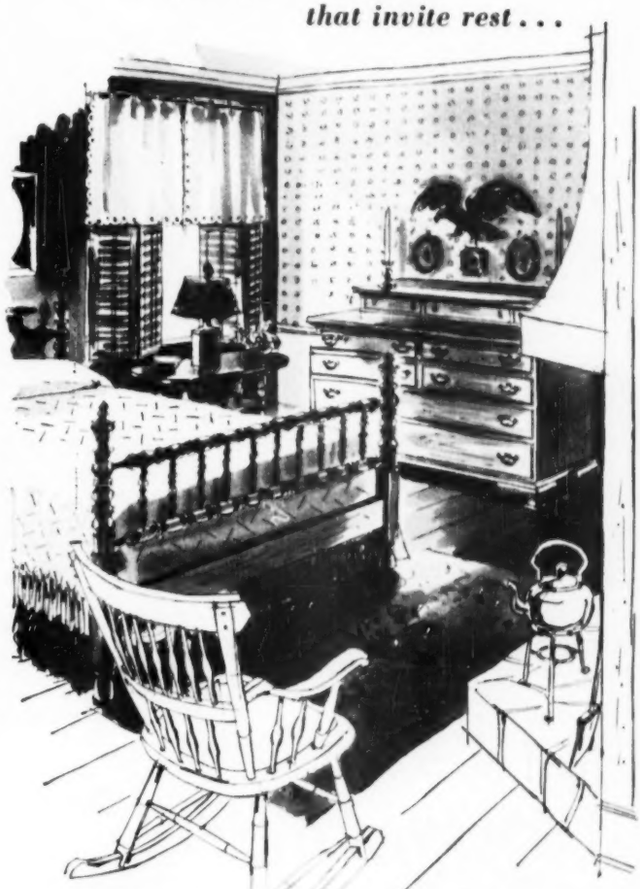

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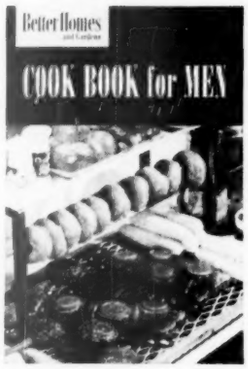

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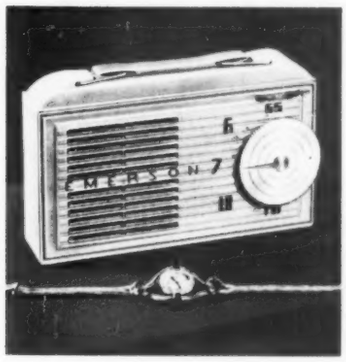
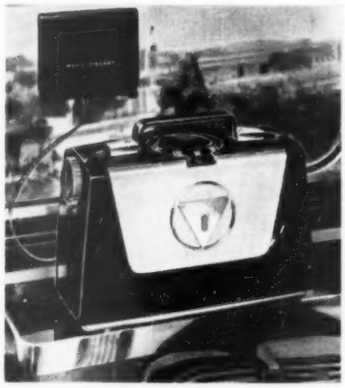
Novel small radios for Christmas giving



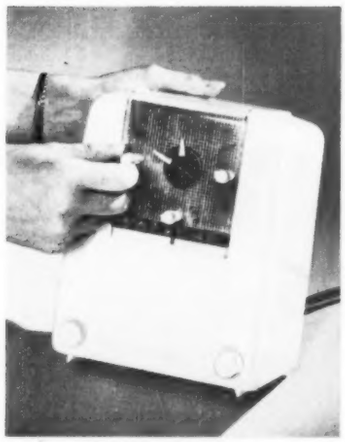
Pocket radio is so tiny it will fit into a woman's purse or a man's breast pocket. The baby radio is just 6" wide, $1\frac{1}{4}$" deep: nestles in the palm of the hand. (Note radio's size in comparison with ladies' wrist watch in the picture.)

It is built with new subminiature parts: has self-contained batteries. Weighs $1\frac{1}{3}$ pounds. *Pocket Radio*, $40, in stores. Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corp., 111 8th Ave., New York 11, N.Y.



Travel radio has a detachable aerial which can be tilted out from the back of the set for more pickup in weak signal areas, or can be completely removed and attached to the window for improving reception on ships, in planes, cars, or steel buildings.

Radio operates on AC-DC or batteries. *Universal Portable Radio*, $54.95, in stores. Zenith Radio Corp., 6001 W. Dickens Ave., Chicago 39, Ill.



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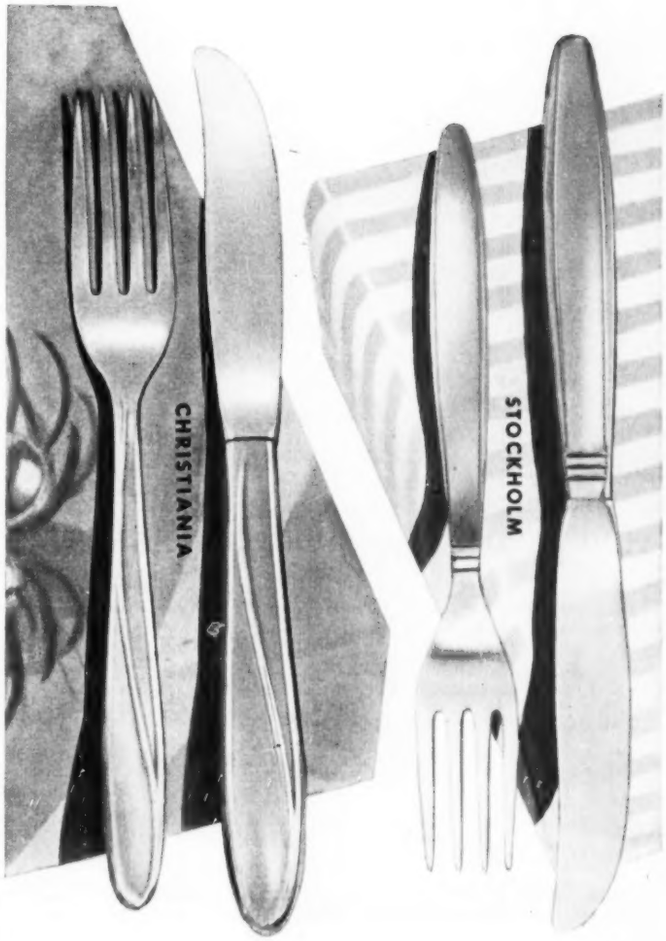

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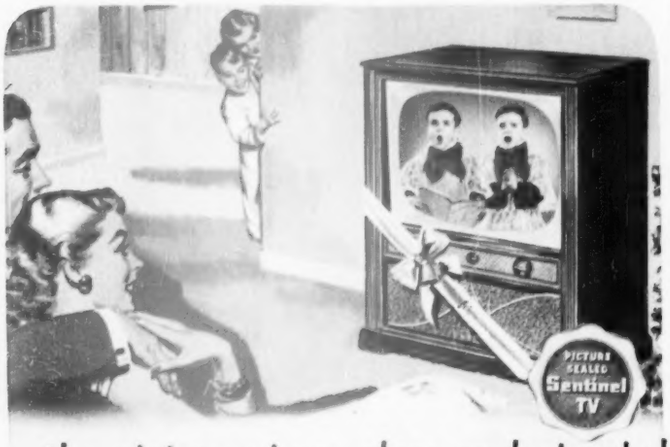

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Your pet and mine

By Russell K. Lowry

Impatience—a chief fault of dog trainers

You won't achieve success in training by scolding, beating, or lecturing your dog at great length. It confuses him, makes him unfit for training. Contrary to popular belief, you needn't break a dog's spirit to train him — it only makes him a poorer subject

Being too lenient can harm training

When you give your dog an order, do so in a firm, convincing tone. Once you give a command, see that it's carried out, or your dog will do as he pleases in the future. Let him know you mean business, or he'll get the idea you want to play

Most people like dogs, especially if they are well trained. And training a dog can be fun if you go about it the right way. Here are some tips to help you teach your dog obedience

Being consistent is big factor in training

Praising and petting your dog one minute, then censuring him the next for the same act, confuses him. Teach him only one act at a time, using the same command for the same act each time. For best results, limit training to short periods of time

Photographs: Harriet Arnold

A well-trained dog is welcome inside

Dogs are willing to learn, like to please, and have good memories. But the successful dog trainer must realize the dog's limitations, as well as his own. He must exercise patience, praise and pet the dog for effort or success; be firm, yet consistent

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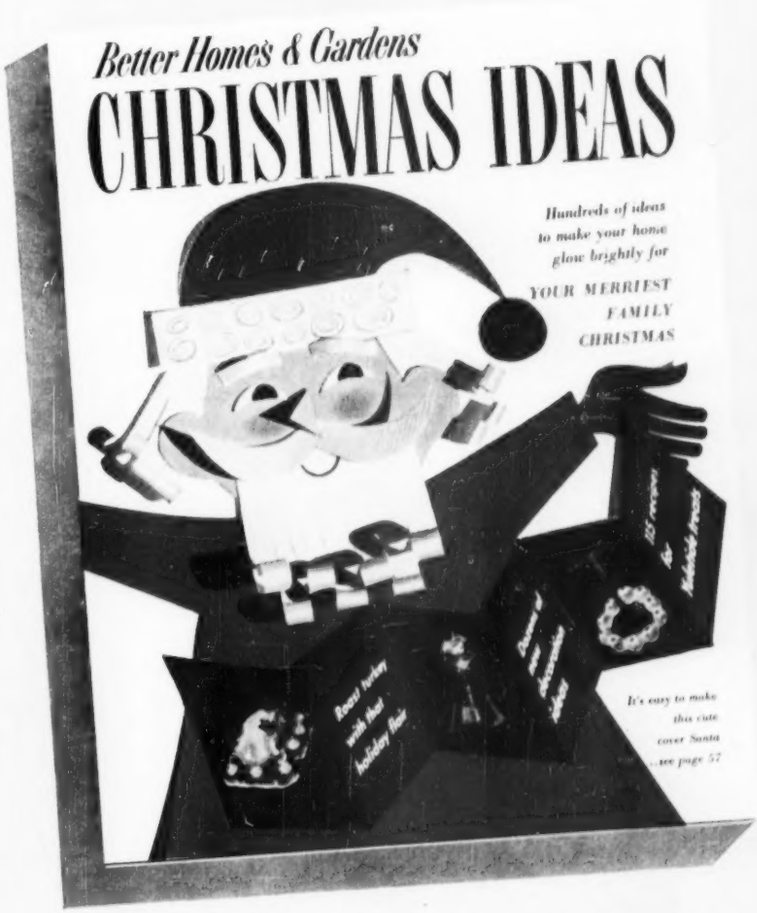

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Here are 10 general "don'ts" in dog training:

1. Don't show impatience or display a loss of temper.
2. You shouldn't make training a drawn-out, tedious grind. Ten to 15 minutes is a long time for a dog to concentrate.
3. Don't cram. Teach one thing at a time. Make the dog master it completely before tackling the next "stunt."
4. Don't issue commands in a faltering tone of voice. Don't shout, either. Instead, speak commands in a crisp, clear, sharp tone.
5. Don't be inconsistent with any change of ideas, tactics, or tone of voice. Don't praise a dog for something one minute and bawl him out the next for repeating the very same performance.
6. Don't be weak or wishy-washy in dealing with a dog. Be firm.
7. Don't try to train a dog in strange surroundings or when his mind is on distracting subjects, such as a cat in the offing, a strange dog outside the door, or a group of children watching from the other side of the fence. Under such circumstances, training is out of the question.
8. Don't try to train a dog who is ill or out of sorts. *You* don't feel like doing anything either, when you're sick.
9. Don't try to train a dog at mealtime.
10. Don't scold or spank a dog for a misdeed or a mistake made some time before. A dog is unable to associate punishment with a wrongdoing committed five minutes ago.

What is the best explanation of a cat having those so-called "nine lives?"—Mrs. B. M. H., Delaware.

This is an old legend. There is no scientific basis for the belief, though it must be conceded the cat is a pretty-hardy animal in both body and spirit.

What causes my boxer's bad breath?—Mr. J. M. M., Illinois.

Gastric disorders, diseased teeth, dental-tartar deposits, or diseased tonsils. They are given in the order of commonest occurrence. A veterinarian's examination is advised to determine the cause in your own pet.

Is it true that a barking dog never bites?—Mr. J. J. M., Michigan.

Don't bet too much money on it. It's true that a dog who means business will usually come at you with head carried low, without uttering a sound. But sometimes a vicious dog will give you a break by emitting a few warning barks. Most of these old sayings cover the rule, but not the exceptions.

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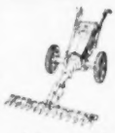

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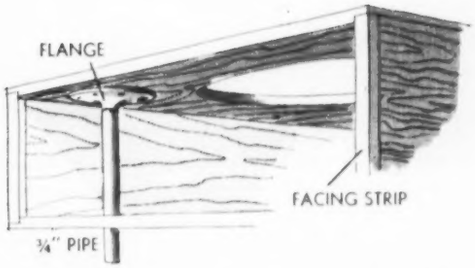
Try one of these in that spot that looks a little bare, and see what a difference one plant can make.

If you prefer a bushy ivy plant, keep ends pinched back to form many tips. This unusual plant, flecked with gold, is aptly named "Gold-dust" ivy. It is growing in soil in a broad-topped container, which makes it easier to water plant. Wash dust off leaves under sink faucet as necessary

These angular beauties belong to the philodendron family, one of the best house-plant groups. Philodendrons can grow with a minimum of sunlight. The graceful vine on the lower level of this step table is one of the improved English ivies. When you choose broad-leaved plants, show them off in simple, unadorned pots like these



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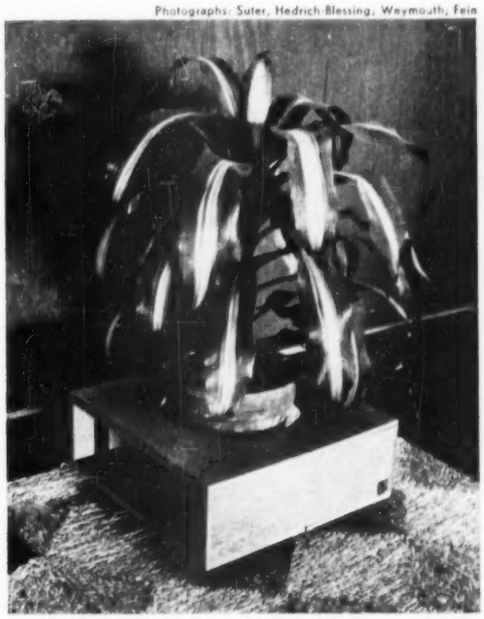

A regal striped dracaena can do as much for a room as a good piece of furniture. A tall grower, it "holds its own" sitting on the floor. Build plant box to hide drainage pan. Choose a wood finish that matches your furniture

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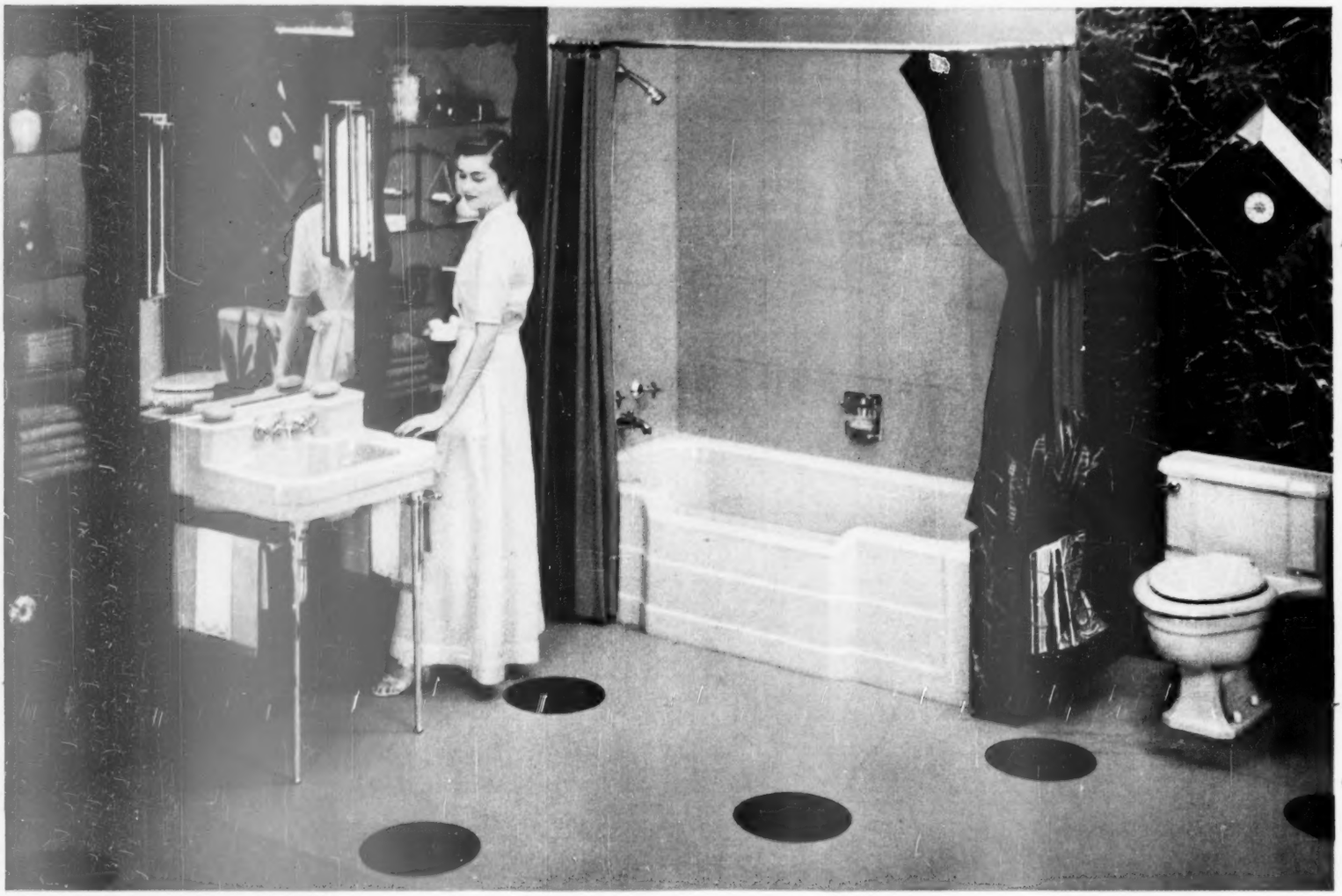
The Eljer Bathroom Guide— *hints to follow for lasting pride and satisfaction when you modernize or build.*



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8 If the mother leaf is top-heavy and to be used over again, prop it up with a cotton-tipped toothpick. Cotton tip will not cut leaf. The plant is now ready for you to handle as you handle your mature African-violet plants

9 When young plants are 2 or 3 inches high, remove from moist soil. Separate rosettes as shown, and they're ready to be potted in individual pots. If some stem is still left on the mother leaf, use the leaf to start more plants

10 Put piece of broken clay pot or a bottle cap over drainage hole in a 3-inch pot. Fill pot part way with mixed soil. Hold new plant in center and fill in around it. Tap it on table — gently — to jostle soil down so it's level

11 To leave space for watering, soil should be only this high in pot. Water immediately with lukewarm water until it runs out drainage hole in bottom. Or set pot in pan of water until water seeps up to wet surface. Drain if needed. Water only when soil dries

Better Homes & Gardens SMART GARDENER'S GUIDE

African-violets

(House plants)

How you can start healthy new plants

There are three main ways to start new African-violet plants—by division, from seed, and from leaf cuttings. Here, we show you the leaf-cutting method.

You can get an average of two to three plants from each cutting, more than you can by dividing old plants, and have sizable plants more quickly than from seed.

There are three steps to follow when you start African-violets from cuttings.

1. You cut a healthy, vigorous leaf from the plant. Leave 1 to 2 inches of stem attached to the leaf.
2. Stick leaf in vermiculite, sand, or water until it roots. Plants root best when air humidity is high, so put a plastic cake cover or bag over rooting leaves.

Leaves you start in vermiculite need water only when vermiculite is dry when you pinch it between your fingers. When you start plants in sand, keep it moist.

Do not place leaves [*Turn to page 2*

Photographs: Stanley

It's no wonder the African-violet, *Saintpaulia*, is so popular. Start plants as we show you here, and you can enjoy healthy plants with as many blooms as this

you are rooting on a sunny window sill —indirect light is better.

If you start new plants under artificial lights, put fluorescent tubes about 18 inches above leaves, or incandescent lights about 3 feet above.

3. Transfer each rooted leaf to medium that supports and sustains new plant.

When can you pot up rooted cuttings? Some push out new top growth more quickly than others. When roots are 1½ to 2 inches long, you can pot up the leaf whether new shoots have started or not.

A leaf will put up one new rosette, or two or three. Don't separate these tender shoots until each has several leaves.

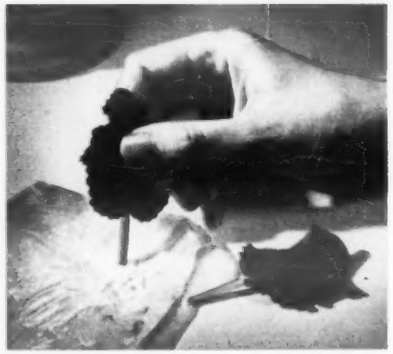
A good potting mixture for African-violets consists of equal parts of sharp sand, topsoil, and peat. Moisten the peat, then mix soil and sand with it.

What to feed African-violets. Any balanced plant food will be satisfactory. Some are designed especially for African-violets. With either liquid or dry food, follow package directions exactly.

How to start new African-violets from leaf cuttings

1 Rooted leaf produces plant with flowers the color of its parent. From a healthy, mature plant, cut leaf with 1 to 2 inches of stem attached. Use a sharp knife, but don't injure the "mother" plant. African-violet leaves are quite brittle—so handle them with care

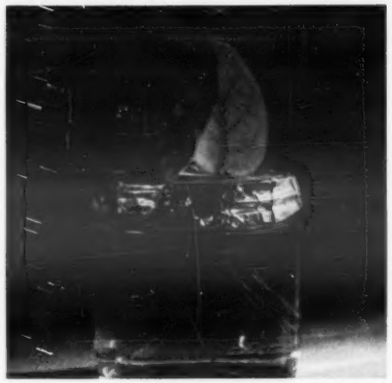
2 Keep varieties straight—label each leaf as soon as you cut it. Wet an indelible pencil and print variety name on back of each leaf. This "label" won't harm leaf, stays indefinitely. Do not puncture the leaf blade



3 You'll find it's a good idea to dip stem ends in a root-promoting powder. The powder increases chances for quick, vigorous root growth. Shake off the surplus—only a little of the root-inducing substance is needed

4 Stick your labeled and treated leaves in new vermiculite, expanded mica, to root. This sterile material carries no disease organisms. Or, if you prefer, start leaves in clean, sharp sand or a mixture of sand and peatmoss

5 To start a number of leaves, put them in a cake pan filled with vermiculite, expanded mica. Sprinkle with warm water, enough to moisten to bottom. Use plastic cake cover to maintain humidity. You can lift and wipe dry if moisture condenses on the underside



6 To start leaves in water, mold a piece of aluminum foil or waxed paper over top of glass jar. Punch holes in this cover with a pencil. Slip leaf stems through holes into water. Keep in warm, light—not sunny—place until growth appears, then they're ready for pots

7 When your new plants are about this size, remove from vermiculite, sand, or water. Leave new growth attached to the "mother" leaf. Pot in mixture of equal parts of sand, soil, and peat. Or leave in vermiculite, expanded mica, and add a balanced liquid plant food

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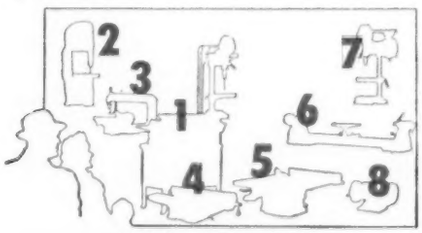

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Plant tulip bulbs in north Florida and along Gulf Coast—after you cool them four to six weeks in refrigerator.

Spread about 2 inches of peanut or buckwheat hulls, peat, or similar mulch around newly planted shrubs or trees. This helps protect the roots from sudden weather changes.

Soak soil deeply around all your evergreens if rainfall has been below normal.

Start mowing your winter lawn when it reaches a height of 2 inches.

Trim holly, Nandina, and pittosporum to shape. Keep prunings in water in a cool place, and you'll be

TEXAS AND SOUTHWEST

Cut tops off asters, mums, and other late-flowering perennials for neat appearance during season.

Mound soil about 8 inches deep around rosebushes in the high-plains area.

Continue to plant shrubs and trees. Include some fruit and nut trees.

Wrap trunks of newly planted trees to protect from winter sunscald in the colder areas.

Prune and shape ligustrums, lemon-verbena, and dwarf pomegranate. Remove all weak growth.

Continue to plant roses in the Rio Grande Valley and along the coastal areas.

Invite birds to your garden with berried shrubs and vines. Good ones for you to plant include privet, red haws, Russian olive, and Virginia creeper.

Put cuttings of your favorite shrubs in a box of sand,

CALIFORNIA

Continue to divide and transplant shasta daisies and other perennials that are in too-large clumps.

Set out asters, gaillardias, delphiniums, and other perennials for their colorful bloom next summer.

Cut back geraniums used as ground-cover to within several inches of ground.

Sow peas, lettuce, spinach, carrots, and Swiss chard in the Imperial Valley and in Southern California.

Leave dahlia tubers in the ground until spring division time in the milder areas. But dig and store in expanded mica or sand in cold areas.

Plant lilies, freesias, and baby glads. Plant amaryllis bulbs while they are still dormant.

Dust ant-infested lawn areas with chlordane.

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You can plant new roses at almost any time when the ground is not frozen.

Make hole large enough so the roots can spread naturally. Place roots on a cone of soil, with knob of graft about an inch below the soil surface.

Cover the roots with topsoil and settle with water. Jostle plant a little to help eliminate air pockets about roots.

able to use them among your Christmas decorations.

Feed midwinter lawns in mild coastal areas.

Spray your fruit trees with a dormant-strength oil emulsion after their leaves drop.

Now is a good time to construct new all-weather garden paths. Use 2 inches of sand as base if soil is dry.

Whether you use flagstones or bricks, finish path surface even with or slightly below the level of the lawn.

Stones several inches thick need no base, so they can be set directly on the soil.

and store in your garage to transplant next spring.

Check the rose catalogs and make your order for delivery and plantings in January.

Renew old, woody shrubs — cut out any dead or diseased wood. Cut oldest wood flush with ground, and head back irregular branches.

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them in refrigerator for several weeks before planting.

Sow lupines, Scabiosa, larkspur, California poppy, and other hardy annuals.

Plant pansies and calendulas to fill bare spots in your perennial border.

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CENTRAL AND EAST

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Bring your garden tools indoors to clean, oil, and sharpen, as time permits.

Hold leaf mulch in place over your perennial border with a roll of poultry wire. Weight it along edges.

Erect barriers where needed to halt heavy winter traffic across lawn.

Tie tops of your fragrant viburnums together so snow won't break their brittle tips.

Avoid covering pachysandra with leaves.

Guard with burlap screens young azaleas, rhododendrons, other evergreens from sun and winter winds.

Have your lawnmower sharpened now.

Clean fallen leaves from your house gutters to prevent overflow at unwanted spots and possible damage to foundation plantings.

Feed house plants only half as often during short days when they make little growth.

Strip the leaves from lower 5 or 6 inches of several shoots of English ivy or philodendron. Then arrange the shoots in a glass bottle or vase.

Keep container filled with water and out of direct sun.

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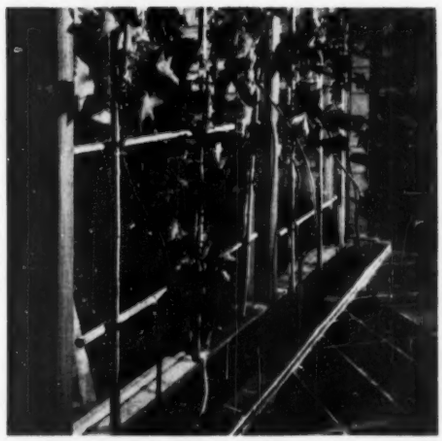

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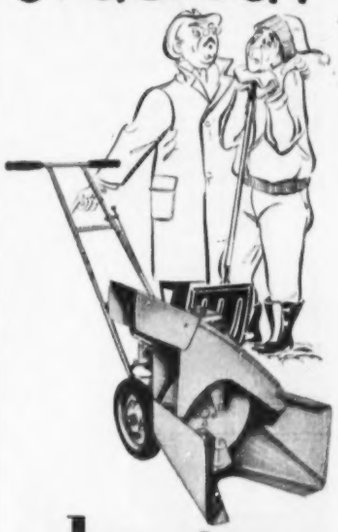

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By Harry R. O'Brien

David got a furlough for Christmas, so was home to help carry in our live Christmas tree—a white spruce. Maggie watched from the warm house

Dec. 1 Got up late this morning, and Maggie was gone. On the stove was a pot of coffee.

Slices of bacon ready for the skillet on the kitchen table. A grapefruit was cut and ready. So did cook and eat my breakfast.

Maggie had gone down to babysit with our little grandson, Gary, aged 57 days, while Janet went out and did some shopping.

Dec. 3 To meeting of our men's rose club tonight. News is election of officers for next year.

These and other members of our club are men of affairs—business executives, professional men, university teachers, and the like.

Yet, they are back-yard gardeners, too, when they are home and out in their old clothes. And, my gosh, how they can argue about the best ways to grow roses!

Dec. 5 Besides our men's rose club—no wimminfolks welcome—we have another rose society in our community, to which both men and women belong.

I helped start this three or four years ago, when about 35 people came to the first meeting. Now it has 225 members and is still growing. Attendance is always good.

Well, tonight was the annual Christmas party. So Maggie and I went. We took along some food for the potluck supper.

We also took two presents, one for a man and one for a woman. At the proper time, in came Santa Claus to hand out the presents to all those present.

Well, Sir, the present that I got wasn't a garden present at all—just a box of mighty good candy.

But Maggie got a box of rabbit repellent, guaranteed to keep rabbits away from young fruit trees. Mebbe we'll need this before the winter is over.

Dec. 6 Tackled my home garden work. Hurried out in the twilight with a scrub bucket and spade.

At coldframe, dug out some good soil mixture and put in bucket. Over to compost pile, dug down and got two shovelfuls of rich compost. At toolshed, got some plant food and scattered over top.

This I carried to the workbench in the basement and mixed up with a trowel. Then I brought three clay pots to the bench.

In one pot I planted the hybrid amaryllis bulb that I had brought home some time since. It had been reposing on a shelf in the cool, dark storage room in the basement.

I planted it so about half of the bulb is above the soil and sticking out of the pot. This is the best way to do it.

In two large pots, I planted six bulbs each of paper-white narcissus. These had begun to grow already. I set these bulbs about an inch below the soil surface.

I put the pots beside the laundry tub, and watered them as they stood on the floor. After they drain, I'll put them on the floor in the storage room.

As soon as growth begins on the amaryllis, I'll bring it upstairs to light. I'll ditto when the narcissus leaves are up 4-6 inches.

Dec. 10 On the way home late from the office, I went by the seed store; and glory be, it wasn't closed. So I stopped in and bought Donald's Christmas present.

Don't you tell him—but it is a window-box bird feeder and a 10-pound bag of birdseed.

I have a vision of that feeder mounted outside the north window in Janet's kitchen. She can watch it while she works.

Just as soon as little Gary is old enough to comprehend, he can sit in his highchair and watch, too.

Dec. 12 Quite a number of birthday cards came from folks who read these memoirs. Thanks to everybody who remembered me.

Dec. 13 Oh dear—I forgot to water those potted bulbs down in the basement. You have to keep 'em watered, or they won't grow.

Dec. 14 Now, what do you suppose happened today? Donald and Janet had us down to dinner, and bless my soul—it was my birthday dinner that Janet had cooked.

My favorite dishes, a big cake, and a present—a book.

Dec. 17 Sorta played hookey today. Slipped away from the daily grind and visited garden stores. Bought a new pair of my favorite garden gloves.

Then by the nursery and picked out a live Christmas tree. It is a white spruce this time, compact and shapely. It will be delivered in plenty of time.

Dec. 19 Came by florist shop and did buy Maggie a Christmas token—a potted poinsettia in bloom.

Maggie put it on a little table by the west living-room window. It will get some sun there.

Dec. 20 All at once, Sir Scratch, the family pooch, began a terrific clamor. He ran through the hall, barking all the way.

"We are getting company," I called out to Maggie in the kitchen. Somebody was hurrying up the walk in the back and calling out, "Anybody home?"

It was none other than Pvt. David, home from the Army without giving us warning.

As soon as greetings were over, I slipped out and back to town.

I did the grocery buying all over again—steaks, chops, sausage, dozens of cookies and what not.

David took the sickle bar off the little garden tractor. Then he got busy and put on the snowplow for me

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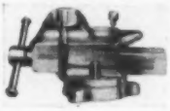

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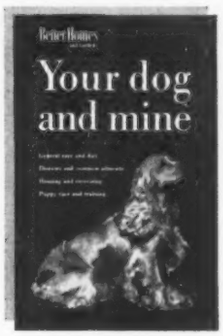

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Right after supper, David hurried down to Donald's to see Master Gary, his new nephew.

"Janet even let me hold him a little," he reported later.

Dec. 23 David put on his old work clothes. I dittoed, and we went forth to work.

David took the sickle bar off the little garden tractor and put on the snowplow. Oiled and greased the tractor to run slick as a whistle.

I cleaned up the garage, and he hauled out every tub and bucket of ashes and trash from basement. Picked up and hauled off a load of trash around the outside.

Between us we hauled and carried the live Christmas tree indoors. We set the ball of earth inside a tub, which we put on top of another tub upside down.

Tonight we were at work on our annual job of trimming the tree.

Dec. 24 I went forth today with a big basket and pruning shears and garnered greenery from our evergreens for Christmas decoration.

In no time at all, Maggie had this greenery all distributed around the house. It looked so purty, I cut another basket of greens and took it down to Janet.

Dec. 25 Since I am now the patriarch of our tribe, such parts of the family as could get here did assemble at our plantation today.

David was here. Along came Donald, Janet, and Gary. In came my brother, his wife, Ruby, and son, Pat, to help celebrate.

Dec. 28 Maggie has those two pots of paper-white narcissus at the east dining-room window, and they are beginning to bloom.

But that amaryllis bulb hasn't even begun to grow, yet. We didn't need it, anyhow, with the poinsettia making such a good show.

Dec. 31 The day draws nigh when Pvt. David will have to pack up and hurry back to the Army.

So for Maggie, this year ends as she washes up his socks, irons his jacket, and what not.

David was having supper tonight with some friends, so Maggie and I ate alone.

I looked after the furnace. Put the black pussy with a sore paw in to spend the night in comfort. And so to bed.

The year has been better than I had expected or hoped for—not forgetting the new grandson.

Went down to my basement workbench and potted up a hybrid amaryllis bulb—and some narcissus, too

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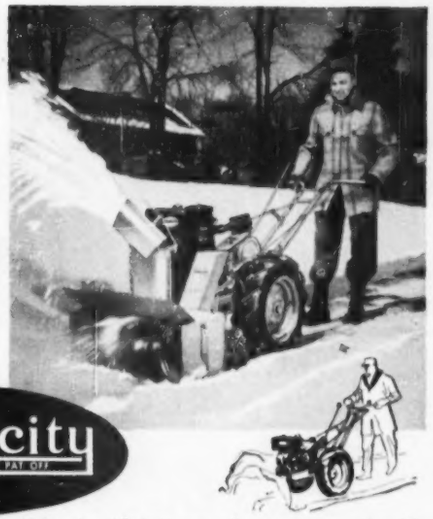

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To keep them in top condition, keep the soil moist in the pots, and keep the plants out of drafts. After the present crop of flowers fades, move them to a sunny spot. Many can be grown on for another season. [*Continued on next page*

Protect an African-violet from cold even if you're only carrying it from the house to a warm car.

Set plant in a carrier made from a suit box, and it will rest on floor of car without tipping.

Wrap in several thicknesses of newspaper, and pin or clip to insulate.

Photographs: Stanley

Ferns and other tall, bushy house plants need protection from quick temperature changes, too.

Roll plant in newspaper when you want to carry it to a friend. Fold paper down at top, and pin.

If temperature is 50 or above, wrapping the plant won't be essential.

To water your Christmas cyclamen, set it in a pan of water so it can soak up moisture from the bottom. If you water from top, the crown may rot.

Always keep soil moist when plant is in bloom.

Grown in a cool, sunny window, a cyclamen may bloom for months.

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Azaleas. Water every day while in bloom, and keep in a fairly cool room. After flowers fade, feed once a month with a balanced plant food. Set outside in spring in a partially shaded spot. Caution: plant no deeper than they grew in pot. Azaleas are shallow-rooted, and may die if planted too deep.

Begonias. The showy Christmas begonia is not a permanent plant for the home, but may last several weeks. A light misting with water every day will be beneficial.

Everblooming begonias should grow and bloom all year. Keep them pinched back, and feed regularly. Move plants to larger pots as needed.

Cyclamens. Big, fleshy leaves of these tropical plants need lots of water, so keep soil moist all the time.

Keep water off crown as much as possible, or crown may rot. Keep plant in well-ventilated room.

Potted mums. Keep soil moist while plants are in bloom. Cut flowers off as they fade. In the spring, knock plant from pot and set out in perennial border.

Kalanchoe blossfeldiana. This plant has bright scarlet flowers that will last until next May.

Water only when soil surface is dry. Cut off faded bloom stalks. Set outdoors in partial shade, but leave in pot. Bring inside in fall.

Green foliage plants. Water these plants as often as soil surface becomes dry.

Rotate them to windows, so each plant gets several hours of good light every week. Keep leaves clean, and feed plants during seasons of active growth.

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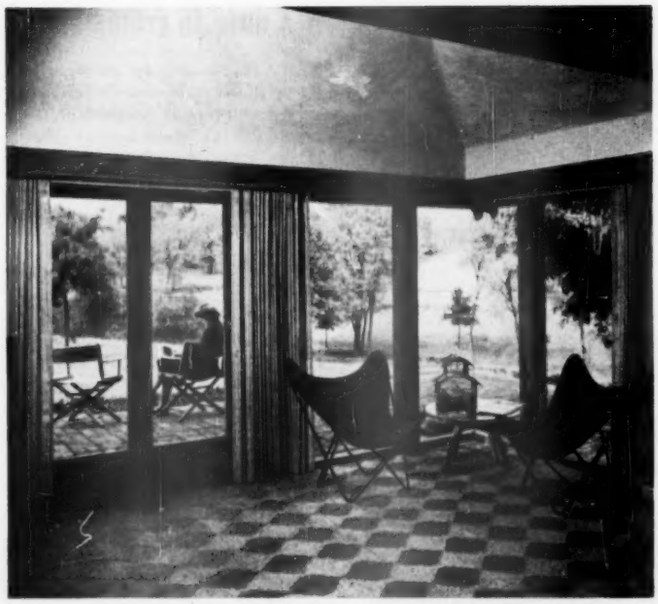
By Lois Rea

Here's a lesson in harmony—harmony between the inside of a house and what goes on outdoors.

In the William Fetner, Jr., home in St. Louis, it was achieved by: *uninterrupted glass* that visually merges indoors and out, *a brick terrace* that completely circles the house, *indoor plantings* to bring outdoor colors inside, and *orientation* that makes the most of view and light.

Prime example of the close indoor-outdoor relationship is the view you get as soon as you set foot inside. You can see through the living room and out the wall of glass to the terrace.

Architects Bernoudy and Mutrux of Clayton, Missouri, designed the house around this view where the window-walls meet—the pivot point of the house. The kitchen-utility-dining areas and the bedroom wing branch out in opposite directions from this point (see plan), giving the house interesting angles and letting a lot of daylight into every room.

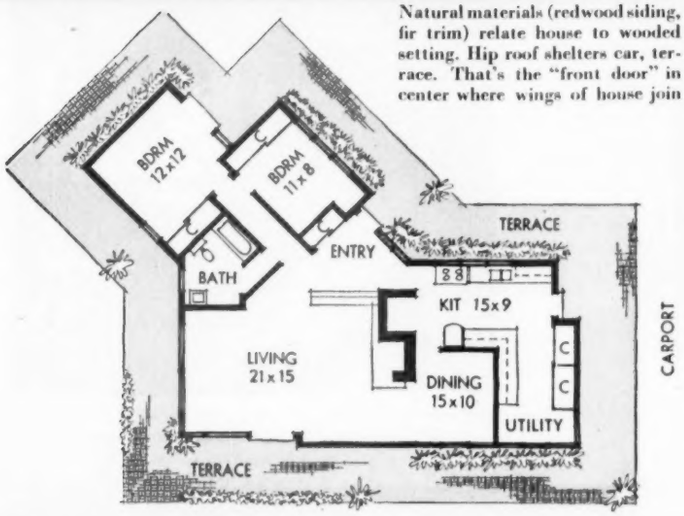


From entry, you see this view of living room and outdoors. Double doors lead to brick-floored terrace. Glass meets glass at corner of room—without framing to obstruct view. Draperies are vertical bamboo hung on traverse rods; rug is made of hemp

Natural materials (redwood siding, fir trim) relate house to wooded setting. Hip roof shelters car, terrace. That's the "front door" in center where wings of house join

Large fixed window by the door makes hall pleasantly bright, keeps plant thriving. Roof overhang, 5½ feet deep, shades and shelters entryway.

Triangular cutout in the ceiling, with bulbs behind glass, creates a dramatic light fixture. Door at right is to the kitchen.



Brick core housing fireplace is almost the sole partition between front hall (left), living room, dining area (right), and kitchen (behind fireplace). "Skeleton" cupboard separates entry and living room without complete break. Ceiling follows roof line; coves give "human scale" to room

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

Big windows of the living room exploit view of the countryside at the rear of the house. Retaining wall, built by the owners, makes possible a large terrace (encircling house) without extensive grading.

Glass wall is sheltered from sun and rain by wide eave. Dining and utility areas are at the right.

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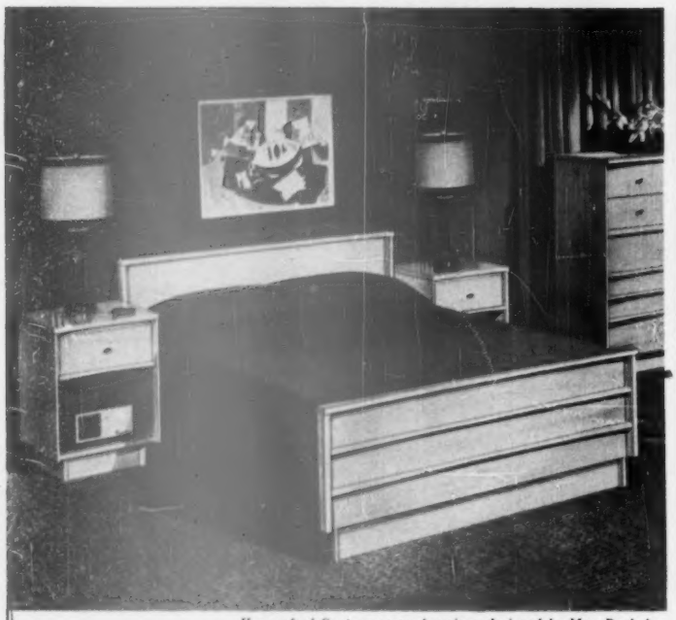

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Service end of kitchen has door to carport, deep storage closet (behind Mrs. Fetner), laundry around corner at right

Corridor-type kitchen has view through strip of windows. Flush lights are mounted in dropped ceiling. Hall is at left

In children's bedroom, alcove formed by hall closet (right) is used for a desk. Deep closet with sliding doors fills opposite wall. Stools are nail kegs with foam-rubber cushions

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Here comes Christmas

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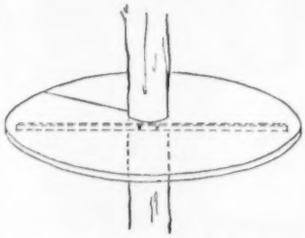
How to fix platform and manger for the creche

Make a triangular manger of 3/8-inch plywood or heavy illustration board to suit the size of your figurines and your tree. See the drawing below. Manger in the color picture measures 18 inches high, and the tree is between 5 and 6 feet tall. Stain the manger brown and paint the trim bright red.

To make the platform, cut a circle of stiff cardboard large enough to accommodate your manger and crèche figurines (see the drawing below). Platform in the picture measures 27 inches in diameter.

Then cut a circle in the center, big enough to fit around the tree trunk at point where you'll place it. Cut a slit from outside of platform to the inside.

If your tree has staggered or weak branch growth in the middle where the crèche will be placed, you'll want to provide support for the platform. Nail a thin board to the tree trunk at right angles to it, as you see below, so that the platform will be supported at either side of the manger. If your platform is 27 inches across, board should be about 25 inches long.



Cover platform with dull-gold paper and fit it around tree trunk just above the supporting board. Place triangular manger on platform in front of the trunk. If manger is not steady, nail its base to the platform, and the back of the pointed top to the tree trunk.

Fasten a tree light inside top of manger so that it will shine on figure of the Christ Child. You can fasten lights around edge of the platform or use a spotlight to illuminate crèche.

Figurines can be made of stiff cardboard and held upright by placing them in grooved wooden blocks. Tallest figures in picture measure 8 inches. Ones in the back may be elevated on small cardboard boxes covered with gold paper so they can be seen.

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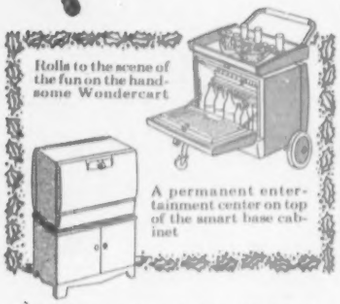

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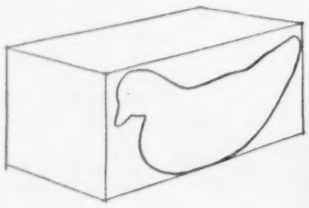
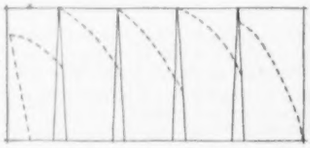
Here's how to make white doves for your tree

Above, you see how finished dove looks. To begin, cut body from block of plastic foam, 6x3x2½ inches. Use drawing as guide.

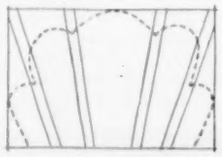


Or shape dove's body and head from cotton, using wire inside to make a frame. Bend wire so ends form dove's legs—hold them while shaping body. Twist end of cotton to form beak. Thin a little library paste with water; spread it on cotton with a dull knife.

Make patterns for wing and tail: For wing, cut rectangle of paper 15 inches long, 6½ inches wide. Make four pleats, folding deeply at side where wing will attach to body, and tapering to points at edges. Cut wing in scallops, following "cut" lines on drawing.



For tail, cut rectangle of paper 10 inches long, 7 inches wide. Make two pleats at angle on either side of center, as in drawing. Fold sides of the tail under. Cut outer edges of tail in scallops.



Using patterns, cut buckram wings, tail; then fold. Sew on sequins. Push half circle of wire through body where wings join dove. Sew the wings to wire arc. Pin tail securely to the body.

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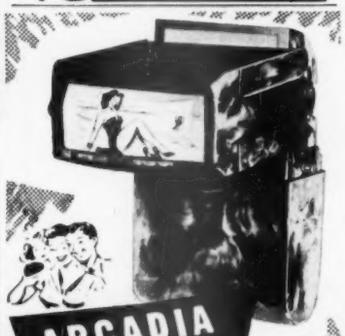

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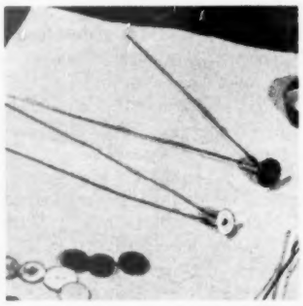
Wreath from tin-can lids —here's how you do it

Punch a hole in the center of a can lid with an ice pick. Then with tin shears, cut into the lid about ¾ of the way to the center.

There is no set pattern for the petals—cut any number of them. You can leave petal edges straight or round them off.



Use a button as the center of each tin flower. Cut a piece of florist's wire about 12 inches long and put it through the holes in the button, as pictured.

You'll have a double wire stem about 6 inches long. If holes in the buttons are large, you may want to use pipe cleaners for stems.

Push both wires through hole in center of lid. The button makes the flower's center. Cut and shape leaves of tin, if you wish. Fasten leaves to stem and wrap wires with green floral tape.

To make the wreath, you wind the stem of each flower around a heavy wire frame or a wreath base from your florist shop.

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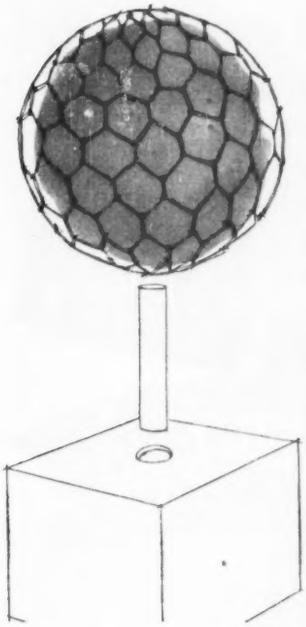
Make a yuletide ball—



Shape ball of fine chicken wire. Fill with green-paper grass or evergreen tips. Make square box of wood. Cut hole in top to fit wooden dowel. Nail dowel to bottom of box and stick other end in ball.

Cover box with marbleized paper and gold lace-paper doilies. Attach artificial flowers, miniature toys to ball. Fill in the bare spots with evergreen tips.

Prize biscuits

Tricky quick-changes for an all-star biscuit show. These are variations for Prize Biscuits, page 94:

Coffeetime Treats. Roll dough ¼ inch thick; spread with softened butter or margarine. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon, or brown sugar and chopped California walnuts. Roll as for jelly roll; cut in ½-inch slices. Bake.

Orange Quickies. Dip cube of loaf sugar into orange juice; then press into center of biscuit before baking.

Snappy Snacks. Roll dough ¼ inch thick; spread with softened butter or margarine. Sprinkle with grated cheese and chopped pimiento or crisp, crumbled bacon. Roll as for jelly roll; cut in ½-inch slices.

Bunnies. Roll dough ¼ inch thick; cut in squares, 2x2 inches; wrap around Vienna sausages. Bring corners together. Place on cooky sheet with lapped edge down.

Savory Biscuits. Sift ½ teaspoon sage and ¼ teaspoon dry mustard with dry ingredients. Stir in 1¼ teaspoons caraway seeds.

Parlsey Biscuits. Increase salt in Prize Biscuit recipe, page 94, to ¾ teaspoon. Cut in 2 tablespoons chopped parsley with shortening.

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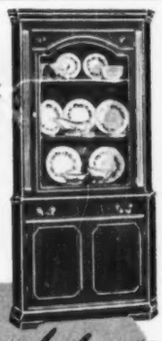

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Dues a big bargain

In all, we have spent $40,000 of our own money fostering and furthering "the best interests of Shippan," and I wish you could visit our neighborhood today, especially in the spring! Block after block after block, you would see only comfortable, well-kept homes, nicely groomed privet hedges, a profusion of small, private gardens, streets white and pink with the dogwood trees planted by the garden club (with which our association works closely). This neighborhood *has* met the test of time! My association dues, I think, are the biggest bargain in the whole family budget—all of $3 yearly.

Of course, multiply $3 by several hundred members, and the donated talents of lawyers, executives, big and little businessmen all working together, and you have a potent neighborhood force. Having served for our own organization, I have the greatest respect for the tens of thousands of volunteers who work, unpaid and often unappreciated, for the betterment of their own part of the community.

Let me tell you how our association, which is typical of most, actually operates. Once a month, we officers and directors look over the accumulation of complaints, suggestions, and correspondence. Sometimes, it's police business—requesting a patrol car for Halloween night or late-hour patrol of the secluded side streets sometimes favored by petters during summer.

Recently, we won a warning light for a dangerous dead-end avenue, where there had been a fatality. We worked out a rather elaborate scheme of signal-timing, lane-striping, and no-parking areas to facilitate traffic movement. We maintain liaison with the police through an association director who is available at all hours to receive complaints from our members.

Similarly, on other fronts where individual action would be largely wasted, we operate in behalf of all. Once we purchased and distributed rat poison to stop a health menace before it got started. Another time, digging through the land records at City Hall, we compiled a list of all absentee lot owners (some of them located halfway across the country) and appealed to them to have their overgrown eyesores tidied up a bit. One of our officers is charged with combing through the fine-print legal notices in the newspaper for any proposed zoning changes that might affect the neighborhood.

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Preventive medicine

Nothing spectacular, you might say. There isn't the dramatic surgery of a slum-clearance project or the intellectual stimulation of crusading for some good, new project in health, education, or community-wide affairs. Rather, this is *preventive* medicine. If only all neighborhoods, however modest, could thus be quietly maintained and strengthened, there would be far less need for costly remedies in later years. Actually, by helping ourselves, we are helping the city.

First and foremost, a neighborhood association is charged with the duty of preventing commercial intrusion. At best, zoning is an exasperating collision point for municipal, legal, business, and home-ownership interests. At worst, through unimaginative planning or indifference, it can literally wreck a neighborhood of homes.

While state and local laws vary greatly, in many instances the zoning authorities have almost life-and-death power over the different sections of their community.

By granting a "variance" in the zoning law, by changing the code to allow a factory, gasoline station, or even a small candy store, zoning commissions can start a section toward commercial blight. Even though the first intruder may not be obnoxious, the precedent is set, and other invaders will follow.

Hard to correct

The dangerous thing is that once these appointive zoning officials have handed down their decision, it is often almost impossible to upset it. In many communities, the city council and mayor are powerless to intervene, and the sole relief is a slow, costly appeal to the courts. But judges, understandably, hesitate to override administrative findings, provided the purely legal forms, such as posting notices and holding hearings, have been respected. You just swallow your disappointment, or move.

In one neighborhood, a zoning change which allowed a funeral home in an otherwise completely residential section, was quietly put through in the dull summer months. The funeral director had powerful political support and even the misguided sympathy of an important local clergyman. But when the neighbors, including members of the cleric's own congregation, realized how they'd been tricked, they organized, hastily and angrily.

With a series of impromptu meetings, at which the hat was passed to defray expenses from one week to the next, they appealed to municipal and judicial authorities. At every step, they were beaten, but they persisted up to the highest court in the state—and finally won there! Having tardily learned the unique value of a neighborhood organization, they still maintain it, though no new crisis has arisen.

How a battle was won

In a more shocking instance, a development of new, rather modestly priced homes was suddenly threatened with the erection of a huge, coal-burning power plant. To make the situation completely awkward, the utility was from out of town, and indifferent to local ill or good will. But never underestimate the power of an embattled mortgage payer!

The neighborhood organization found one issue that attracted city-wide support. The land, they held, was necessary for expanding recreational needs of the city—while the power company was planning to sell its electricity, not locally, but to adjoining communities. With speeches, "letters-to-the-editor," protest rallies and repetitions, the association won public support and drove the smoky project out of town.

"Rather, we saved ourselves from being driven out of town," one leader in the fight told me.

Sometimes, of course, the threat comes from within, and an association can tactfully resolve differences that otherwise would harden into neighborhood feuds. In a west-coast community, which boasts homes with private beaches, one of the residents thoughtlessly allowed a private school to use his patch of sand and sea for open-air summer classes. The neighbors didn't like it, but they hesitated to go to the police or the courts.

Instead, the beach-owners' association quietly notified the offender that he was violating both zoning and deed restrictions. They pointed out politely that if he got away with it, much more flagrant abuses might follow—and the neighborhood would become a Coney Island. The transgressor apologized profusely and promised it wouldn't happen again.

Can increase values

But the progressive associations go far beyond mere maintenance of property values as they are. One I know of operates some 17 committees which range into such fields as education, civil defense, health, library, hospitality, parks, and playgrounds. My own recently adopted a boy-scout cub pack and contributed heavily to a save-our-trees program launched by the garden club.

In plantings of our own, in meetings at which we've obtained planning and horticultural experts, we have tried to stimulate a greater appreciation of community beauty. And, naturally, the more pleasant the neighborhood, the more hesitant each individual householder is to let his own home go unpainted or leave the lawn uncut.

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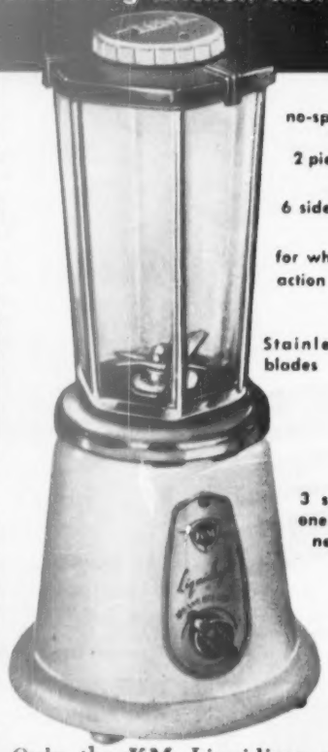

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about holes in the street or clogged storm sewers, it's easier to get it off his chest through his association than trying to storm the city hall singlehanded. At least, an association representative will be listened to, and, if the condition can't be promptly corrected, he will be told why. Where a neighborhood group works with the authorities, there seems to be less frustration and suspicion about municipal workings.

If you would like to join this parade of *neighborly* people who think that progress begins in their own back yards, here is some advice on forming such an organization:

DO'S

1. Get together with a lawyer, businessman, newspaperman, banker, and one or two others as the nucleus of your group. Draft a simple statement of your aims which can be filed as articles of incorporation with state authorities, so that you have legal status as a nonprofit body.

2. Through the local newspaper and radio, plus a direct mail appeal, see that *every* neighborhood property owner is notified of your organization meeting. At this meeting, you can elect officers, approve the general goals, and start work on some particular project.

3. Work constructively *with* the authorities, as far as possible, avoiding the label of being a "pressure" or "troublemaking" group.

DON'TS

1. Don't elect leaders too prominent in politics or projects which might develop into distracting, intra-neighborhood controversy. It may sound hard-boiled, but at least in the beginning, you are not interested in reforming city government, backing worthy charities, or improving education. Your *only* immediate goal is maintenance and improvement of the neighborhood.

2. Don't try to be "exclusive." A neighborhood group is not a social club, and *all* property owners are entitled to membership. From a selfish point of view, the more members, the more money in the treasury—and the more political respect from the city father.

3. Don't be misled by the example of so-called "homeowners" or "taxpayers leagues," which often mushroom briefly around election time as fronts for special real-estate or political interests. Sometimes, too, such "leagues" become ugly instruments for bias of a racial or religious nature. They are not to be confused with the genuine, year-round neighborhood associations which exist to enforce laws for the benefit of their members, not to foster special, restrictive issues.

4. Don't give up if members don't come flocking into your organization overnight. Here is probably a typical situation, as analyzed by a 12-year-old organization with a potential of 2,187 families. Actual membership, highest on record, is 1,051. But, the organization was cheered to find, 85 percent of the previous year's roster rejoined, and half of those who had dropped away earlier also came back. The big lag was among *new* homeowners in the area, with only 30 percent joining up. The lesson plainly is that a certain amount of selling is necessary.

Eventually, after the organizational problems are mastered, you may find that further neighborhood improvement depends on improvements just over the hill. Recently, our group spilled out beyond Shippan to dig a 1,200-foot trench and plant hedges screening a dump that mars one of our approaches.

Can band together

If, in time, you feel that city-wide progress is necessary to help your own neighborhood, here is an exciting and promising new departure in civic associations for your consideration. In various cities through the country, the individual local associations now are banding into city-wide councils. In my town, it is known as the "Chambers of Residence," to which each association pays dues and sends representatives.

The argument is that just as industry is represented through manufacturers' associations and the merchants through their chambers of commerce, so the homeowner should have *his* organization to put forth his views on city affairs. And why not? He is the biggest voting—and taxpaying—unit in most cities.

More and more in the future, local government will have to listen—and listen closely—to the nonpartisan, *civic* demands which come out of the neighborhoods. It is healthy, grass-roots democracy.

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As neatly as the telephone;
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Right through the blasted, blaring thing,
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Just guessing who has made it ring!

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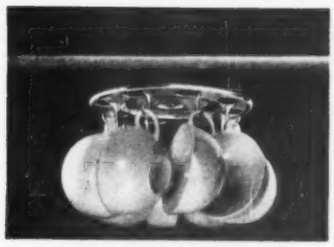

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Gay holiday mobiles

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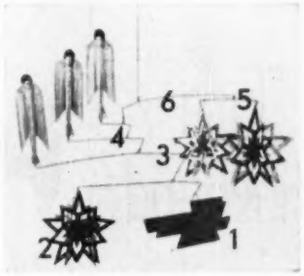
Numbers in pictures correspond to step-by-step directions below.

Use wire about 1/16 of an inch across for all mobile parts, unless otherwise stated. (No. 7 steel welding rod, copper coated, is good.) You'll want to have a pair of pliers and also tools with which to cut and bend wire. To make wire rings, bend wire around a cylindrical object the right thickness.



"Angel Chorus"

To make this mobile, you'll need to make or buy three angel figures (ours are of straw and wood), also three foil stars, one slightly smaller than the other two.

1. Cut an abstract cloud shape from piece of 14-ply poster board that measures approximately 15x5 inches. Cover both sides of the cloud with metal foil. Letter "Noel" or a greeting on both sides of foil. Find the point of balance by sticking a pin into the top of the cloud in different locations until you find the spot where cloud remains level when suspended from pin. Punch a small hole here and insert a wire ring. Use a cylinder about 1 inch across with which to make ring.

2. Tie a loop of string through a point in one of the large stars. Cut piece of wire long enough so that when the star and cloud are attached to ends of the bent wire, they will clear each other when in motion. Bend ends of wire as in picture and attach cloud and star. Find the point of balance and bend a loop in spine at that point. Adjust so wire is horizontal when suspended.

3. Cut another wire and bend it to form the next spine. Attach the completed spine to one end. Insert the other end into wooden base of angel. Bend wire so that angel will be vertical when spine is suspended. Find the point of balance and make a loop. Adjust the wire so that the spine is horizontal.

4. Repeat step 3 for the next two spines, balancing and adjusting each one as you progress. Be sure that the angels clear each other when they're in motion. Then insert a ring in the loop of the last spine that holds an angel.

5. Tie a string loop through one point of each remaining star. Make a short spine, bending it as pictured, and attach a star to each end. Find the balance point and bend a loop at that point.

6. Cut and bend wire to make top spine. Attach completed series. Find balance point, bend loop, and attach string for hanging mobile.

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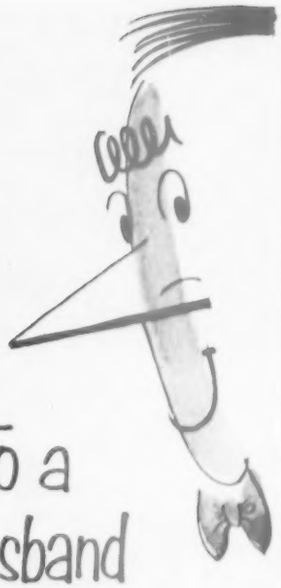

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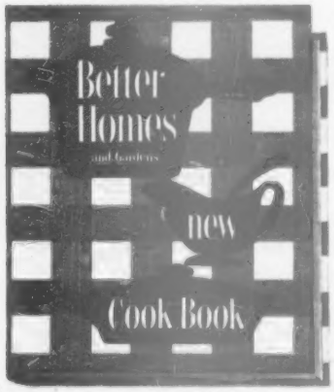

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"Candy Mobile"

You'll need the following things for this one:

- black cotton thread with which to put mobile together
- 1 large cellophane-covered candy cane with red bow
- 2 small cellophane-covered candy canes with red bows
- 2 five-inch long wooden skewers holding gumdrops, red and green alternating, and tied with green bows at the ends
- 2 red lollipops tied at top with green bows
- 2 packages of peppermint hard-candy circles, each with the outer wrapper removed and green ribbon tied around foil, as pictured, and in a bow at the top
- 2 cellophane bags filled with red and green hard candies (those pictured have 5 pieces in a bag) and tied with green ribbon.

1. On one of the small candy canes, tie a package of hard-candy circles closest to the handle and farthest down from the cane. Then tie a bag of candy to the other end of the cane with a shorter length of thread. Find balance point on the cane and hang a lollipop from that point with shortest thread.

2. On the other small cane, tie a bag of candy near the handle and a package of hard-candy circles on the other end. Both should be the same distance from the cane (see picture). Find the point of balance, and hang a skewer of gumdrops from that point so it's suspended below the hard-candy circles and the bag of candy.

3. From its balance point, hang the cane completed in step 1 on the large cane near its handle. At the other end, hang the cane completed in step 2 from its balance point. Hang skewer of gumdrops and a lollipop loosely on the cane. Then, find the balance point (it should be between gumdrops and lollipop—adjust until it is). If threads slide on the cellophane-covered canes, anchor threads in place with cellophane tape. Attach a string for hanging mobile from the balance point.

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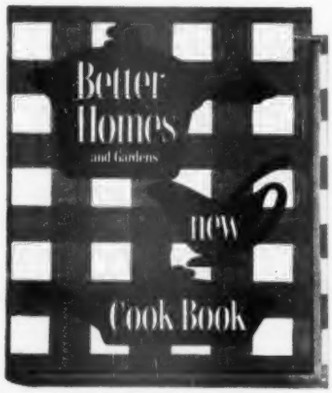

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"Christmas Dream"

Make or buy the following:

- 1 large foil star
- 3 foil snowflakes, 1 larger than the others
- small, lightweight toys, candies, and other trinkets
- faces of dreaming boy and girl (Ones in the picture were cut from poster board and painted on both sides. Eyelashes and boy's hair are gold foil; girl's hair is bent brass wire.)
- hoop of blue poster board (big circle with off-center circle cut from middle—see picture)

1. Cut a wire and bend it as pictured. Attach faces to wire: For boy, put wire through board and bend it over to hold; for girl, loop wire through a wire "curl." Insert wire ring in loop of spine.

2. Tie loop of string through hole in a point of a small snowflake. Cut another wire for spine. Attach snowflake and spine made in step 1 to ends of new spine. Make loop so that spine will hang at a 45-degree angle. Tie string to loop.

3. Use lighter wire, about 1/32 of an inch across, to suspend the hoop as follows: Attach one end of each of three lengths of wire to the hoop, and hook the opposite ends to a ring so that the hoop hangs at a 30-degree angle. (You'll have to adjust the lengths of the wires until you achieve the correct angle.) Fasten toys and candies to hoop with cellophane tape or straight pins stuck into the cardboard. Attach a larger ring. Tie completed spines to ring supporting hoop.

4. Fasten a point of large and small snowflakes to ends of another spine. Find the balance point; make a loop and insert a wire ring.

5. Make another spine. Fasten one end to the spine completed in step 4 and the other end to large ring supporting the hoop unit. Find place where spine hangs at 45-degree angle; make a loop there.

6. Attach a star to the end of another spine. Fasten the other end to the loop made in step 5. Make a loop in the spine so that it hangs at the angle pictured and all parts swing freely. Tie string to loop for hanging the mobile.

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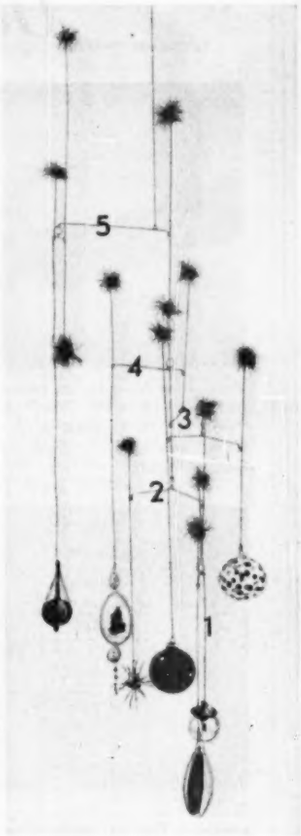

"Ornament Shower"

Before you begin, select seven of your most-unusual Christmas ornaments for this mobile.

1. Make two long vertical spines and bend a loop somewhere past the middle of each. (Make all vertical spines in this mobile of wire 1/32 of an inch across; horizontal spines of 1/16-inch wire.) Attach tinsel and ornaments to ends. Make short horizontal spine, just long enough to let the ornaments move freely when the vertical spines are attached. Fasten ends of this spine to the loops in the two vertical spines. Find the balance point and make a loop. Insert a ring and attach the end of another vertical spine. Make a loop off center in it and fasten ball of tinsel to the top.

2. Make horizontal spine as in step 1. Fasten it to last loop made in step 1 and to a new vertical spine with an off-center loop, and ornament and tinsel at ends. Find balance point and make loop. Attach end of another vertical spine to loop. Make loop off center and top spine with tinsel.

3. Make horizontal spine and attach one end to last loop made in step 2. Insert wire ring in other end of spine and attach to unit of one horizontal spine and two vertical spines, made as directed in first part of step 1. Find balance point of first horizontal spine made in step 3; make loop and attach vertical spine. Make loop in it; fasten tinsel to top. Continue with steps 4 and 5, using picture as a guide. You can add more steps if you wish.

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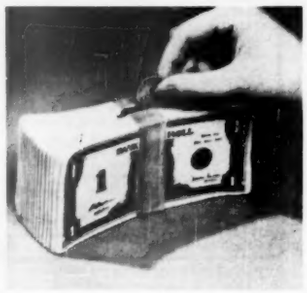

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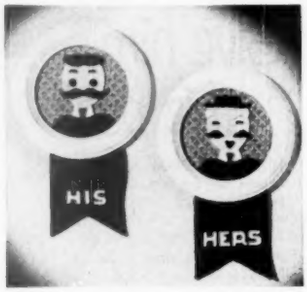

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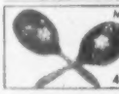

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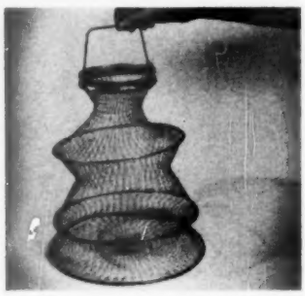

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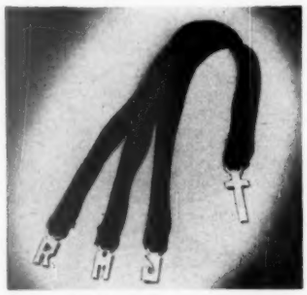

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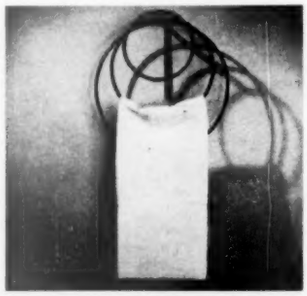

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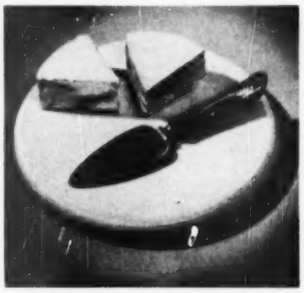

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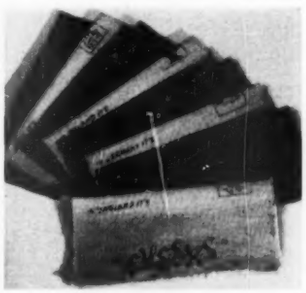

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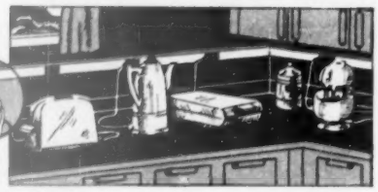

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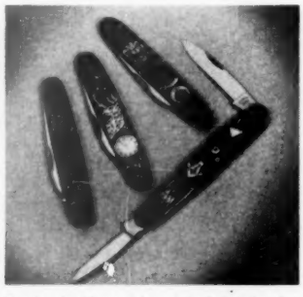

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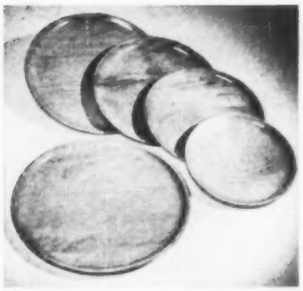

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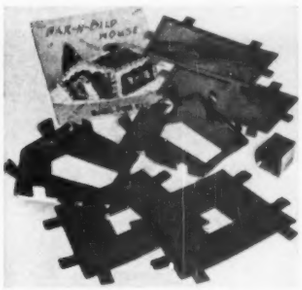

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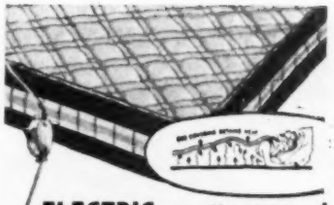

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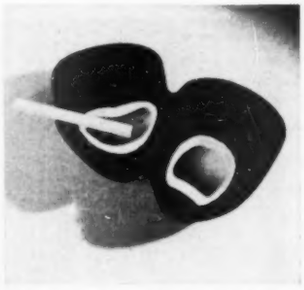

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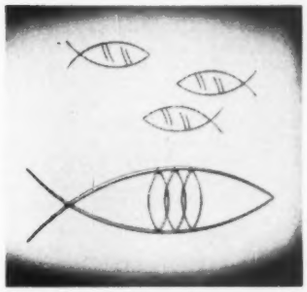

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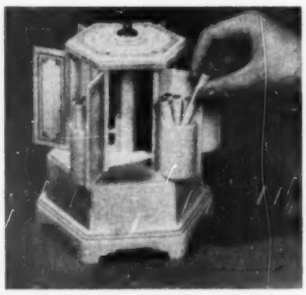

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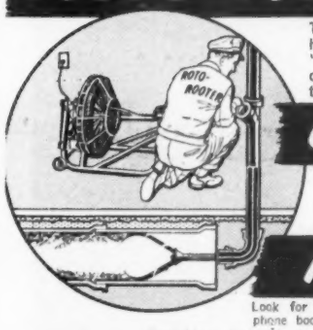

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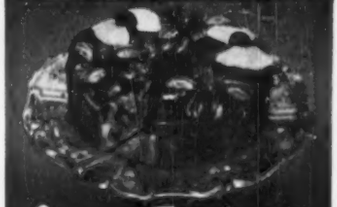

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House plants for Christmas

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Bold and handsome decoration

Cutleaf philodendron requires space, looks best when uncrowded. It's effective against a fluted plywood screen in an entrance area, as here. Surface of unglazed pot supplies nice contrast for the dramatic and shining leaves. Tripod support facilitates rug cleaning

Ivy for your table, whatever its size

The ivies are the most adaptable in the smaller green house plants. This one is Hahn's New Variegated. Any wide-mouthed vase filled with soil can serve as combined ivy holder and bookend. When ivy ends grow too long, nip tips, root in water, and replant

the magic book from never-never land

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There are times when I know I married a very smart woman. Our home being always a hangout for boys and girls home from college, she never has to wash any dishes during the Christmas holidays. She merely hangs the mistletoe over the kitchen sink.

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During the Christmas shopping season man is indeed a paradox. How can a husband strong enough to carry all those packages be weak enough to let his wife make him do it?

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The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.

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A bachelor may be a fellow who asked someone to help him with his homework and got the wrong answer.

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My Head Lady has tricked me. She wangled $35 from me for a new dress simply by telling me my new hat made me look 10 years younger. Maybe it did, but I was still old enough to know better.

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Our Judy, who is 10, said a half-bad word, so I sent her upstairs. "I'll be right up," I told her sternly. I was going to make her wash her mouth out with soap. But on the way up I hit my shin on the vacuum sweeper. . . .

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Three college boys in our neighborhood traveled long distances just to get home for the weekend. "Mike and I came on the train," one of them told the one in our block. "What did you come on?" "On a hunch," was the answer, "that Mom would have pancakes and sausage for Sunday breakfast."

It's a good thing it was grownups who split the atom. If kids had done it, somebody would have made them put it back together again.

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Bob Hannelly, Ph.D., seemed unusually morose yesterday when putting on his storm windows, so, neighborlike, I dropped over to see what was wrong. "Just a seasonal setback," he told me. "Every year at this time, when I'm trying to convince myself I'm a winter enthusiast, my wife reminds me of something like this, and I realize I'm still just a fall guy."

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"Sure," says Ned Preston, the insurance man, "winter's approach is just as invigorating as when I was a kid. The only difference is that now I'm bored by excitement and full of unbounded zest for a nice, soft easy chair."

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"The reason Grandpa and I always got along so well together," Grandma Hillis explains, "is that he never deceived me. Every time he tried to pull the wool over my eyes, he was honest enough to look sheepish."

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"We rocked our daughter to sleep every night when she was little," a man on the train remarked, "and folks said we were wasting a lot of time. But today, she paid it all back. Her fine young husband phoned to ask if she could borrow the old brown rocking chair for a few years, as soon as she gets home from the hospital."

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"If you put tools away after using them," says our workshop guide, "it will make things easier for you." Right! I'm having an easy time now: no wood to cut. Put the saw away somewhere last winter and haven't been able to find it.

When girls watch boys gallivanting around in snazzy convertibles, they don't know what this younger generation is coming to, either, but they hope it's to a stop.

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To put a fellow in a good frame of mind, tell him he's the picture of health.

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Junior Hillis, who's 12, is too big to sit on his mother's lap any more. Every now and then, though, he does it—just to kid her, of course. But he isn't kidding me!

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Every now and then, Peggy Bayless gets out one of the letters Lee wrote her before they were married, and reads it to him. "It puts him in his place," she explains, "which is right beside me on the sofa."

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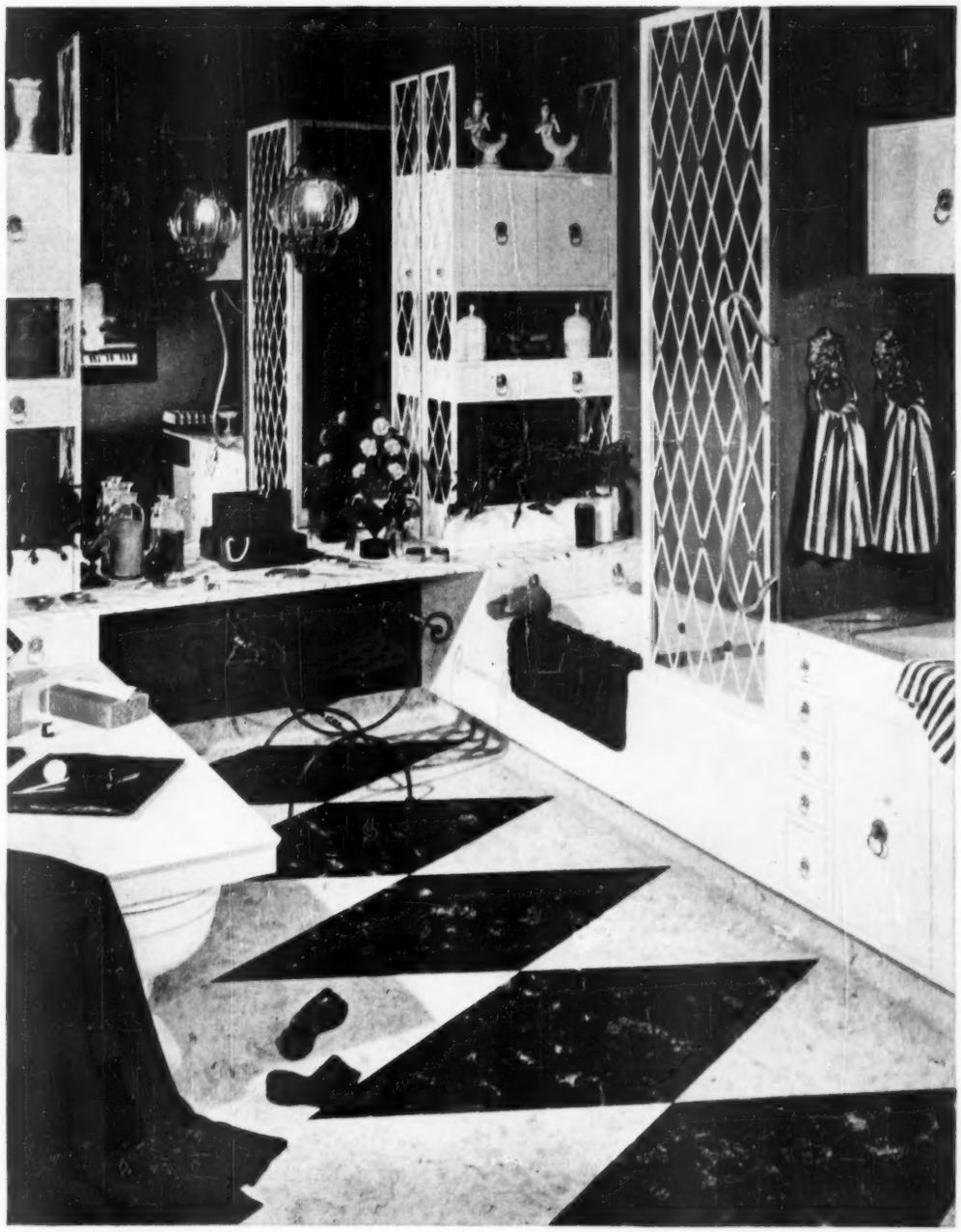
IF CHRISTMAS BRINGS—memories, sweet and kind, to strum old tunes at your heartstrings . . . young voices full of the joy of giving, as well as getting . . . the touch of Her hand, when no one is looking, that tells you, "another adventure together for the book so full already; and gifts—when we have so many!" . . . a remembrance, anything at all, from an old, old friend who has never forgotten . . . eyes brighter than lights on the tree and laughter that tinkles like tinsel . . . and the awareness, in all of you, of the greatest Gift, born on another Christmas—then yours is a blessed household, and Christmas, as it should, can last in your hearts forever: a benediction.

Burton Hillis

Stall shower is made in conventional tub by L-shaped door that folds back when not in use. Diamond wood lattice on doors complements the floor design.



Nine years of dreaming went into this bathroom

I'VE been unhappy about bathroom decoration ever since I was married, nine years ago. In all the places Jim and I have lived, the bathroom was never so pretty as the other rooms in the house. That's why I made such a point of fussing over the bathroom when we started to build.

At the start, I had only a few specific ideas. Our bathroom had to be super de luxe, and the floor would be Armstrong's Linoleum. I knew from experience how splashproof it was.

The diamond floor design was the beginning of the bathroom elegance I'd dreamed about. Since a stall shower and a roomy dressing table were among the luxuries I'd longed for, I carried out the diamond theme in the special shower door and the cabinet trim at the ends of the dressing table.

When Mr. Harris, our Armstrong's Linoleum dealer, planned our floor, he showed me how it could be coved up the base of the wall to eliminate corners where dirt and water collect. That's when I decided to have the tub raised to get this convenience around the entire wall of the room.

Another dream was realized in the big mirror on the wall behind the dressing table. What an improvement over the skimpy little medicine cabinet mirrors I'd put up with for so long!

My final obsession was for lots and lots of cabinets and shelves. This was satisfied by extra drawers built around the washbowl and a bench-like shelf with a special hinged cover that camouflages the toilet.

Perhaps your dream bathroom is different from mine, but I'm sure we'll agree that Armstrong's Linoleum is the ideal floor for a bathroom.

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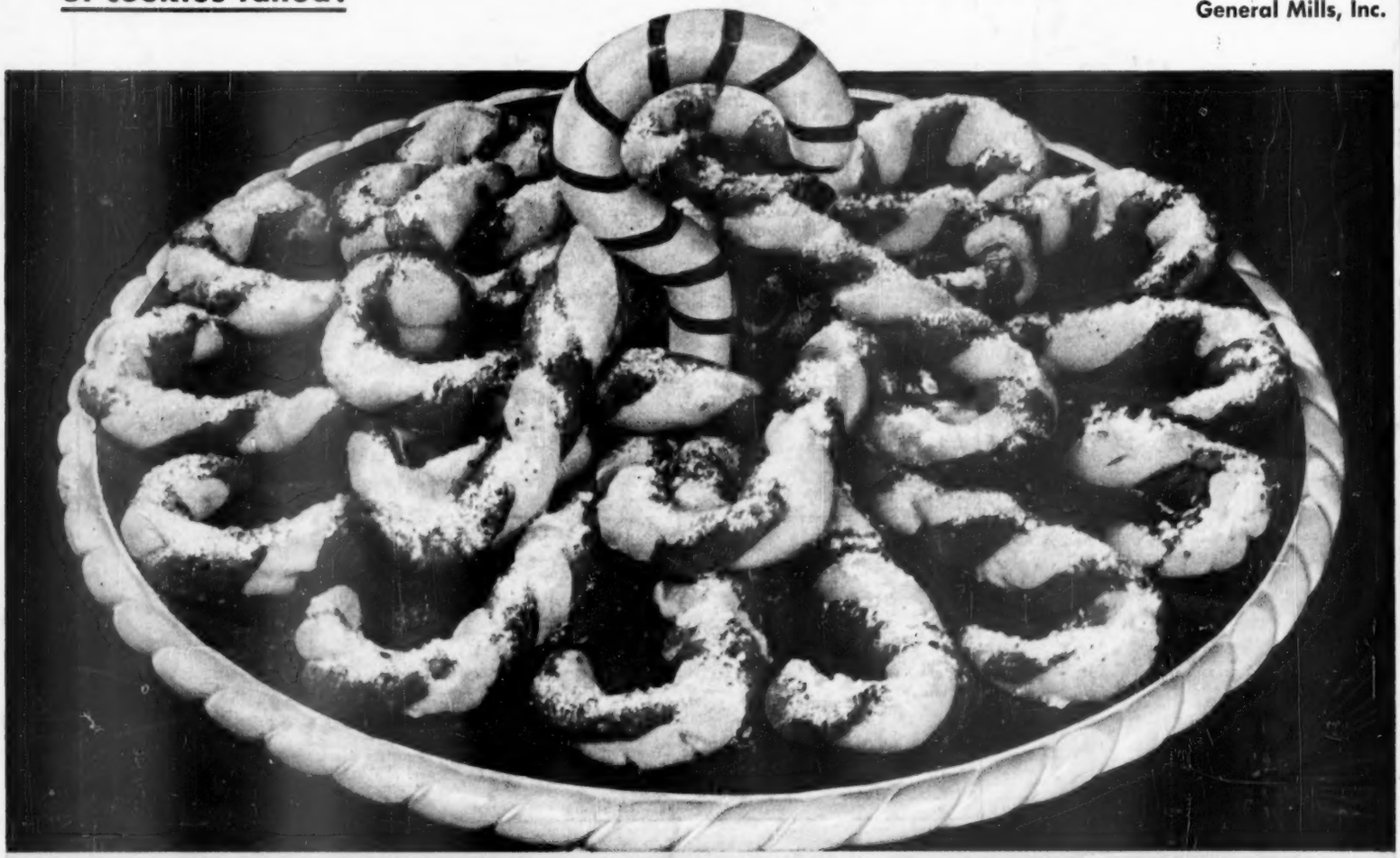

Betty Crocker's CANDY CANE COOKIES ...SO DIFFERENT, YET SO EASY TO MAKE!

These fancy holiday gift cookies look wonderful, taste even better. And, they're simple to make, easy to shape. Just follow this recipe and be sure you use dependable Gold Medal—America's favorite flour.

Preheat oven to 375° (quick moderate).

Mix together thoroughly:
- **1 cup soft shortening (half butter)**
- **1 cup *sifted* confectioners' sugar**
- **1 egg**
- **1 1/2 tsp. almond extract**
- **1 tsp. vanilla**

Sift together and stir in:
- **2 1/2 cups *sifted* GOLD MEDAL Flour**
- ***1 tsp. salt**

Divide dough into halves.

Blend into one half ..... **1/2 tsp. red food coloring**

Roll 1 tsp. each color dough into a strip about 4-in. long. Place strips side by side, press lightly together and twist like rope. Place on ungreased cooky sheet. Curve top down to form handle of cane. Bake *about 9 minutes* (or until lightly browned) in *quick moderate oven* (375°). Remove with spatula from cooky sheet while warm and sprinkle with a mixture of 1/2 *cup crushed peppermint candy* and 1/2 *cup sugar. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.*

SUCCESS TIPS: 1. Smooth rolls can be made by rolling small strips back and forth on lightly floured, cloth-covered board. 2. Make complete cookies one at a time. If all the dough of one color is shaped first, the little rolls become too dry to twist.

**If you use GOLD MEDAL Self-Rising Flour (sold in parts of the South), omit salt.*

Betty Crocker of General Mills—First Lady of Food

"This year give food—a gift you bake is a gift from the heart." *Betty Crocker*

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